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PUTTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER

Israel's two chief rabbis, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron (left) and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau confer during the recent cornerstone dedication of the new $10 million Touro College in Jerusalem. The college is non-ideological, stressing business studies and education. [Israel Photo]

Israel defends prisoner release

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli officials are saying that their decision to release some 750 Palestinians from jail and ease travel restrictions for Palestinian residents of the territories will not threaten Israel's security.

But security concerns were heightened by reports late Sunday that two Israeli soldiers had been abducted and killed by Muslim extremists in the Gaza Strip [see story below].

The incident, which outraged settlers, came against the backdrop of continuing violence among competing Palestinian factions, which has been on the rise in the aftermath of the assassination last week of Assad Saftawi, a leading member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Al Fatah faction.

Israel's release of the Palestinian prisoners, the subject of negotiations last week at the Egyptian border town of Taba, was scheduled to begin as *The CJN* went to press Monday afternoon.

At the Taba talks, Israeli and PLO negotiators agreed that Palestinian prisoners will be released in stages throughout the five-year autonomy period called for in the self-rule accord both sides signed Sept. 13 in Washington.

The first prisoners to be released will be those who are sick, under the age of 18 or older than 50.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal told Israel Radio that there was no need for public alarm despite the counter-claims of government critics.

Shahal made his comments after attending an extensive briefing at last Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting on the plan to release Palestinian prisoners.

"We certainly have limits on those who are going to be released," he said. "If there is any danger of continuing terror acts, this is going to be one of the considerations whether to release them or not."

"We have an agreement with the Palestinians that they are renouncing terror and acts of violence," he continued. "We are talking about a peace process, and every person who's being released is being verified (as to) what he's going to do in the future" and "the seriousness of the acts he has done in the past which brought him to prison."

According to Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur, no prisoner convicted of murder would be released.

The government has also decided to ease travel restrictions imposed on Palestinians following the closure of the territories imposed seven months ago.

Restrictions will be lifted entirely for women and for those with jobs in Jerusalem, while men over 45 will be issued permits to enter on an individual basis.

The new rules regarding Palestinian movement within Israel were announced by Shahal last week.

Along with the prisoner release, the relaxation of travel restrictions is designed to provide the Palestinians with a sense that they are receiving tangible benefits from the self-rule accord.

The decision earlier this year to close off the territories had been very popular among Israelis, since the number of murders committed by Palestinians had dropped almost to zero after the restrictions went into effect.

But some 100,000 Palestinians were deprived of their jobs in Israel as a result of the travel restrictions. The result was severe economic dislocation.

Last Sunday, Palestinian factions divided over the peace process clashed violently at the Rafah refugee camp in Gaza.

The fighting resulted in the shooting death of one woman and the injury of 15 people, according to Palestinian reports.

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Ottawa to help repatriate Palestinian refugees to Gaza

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA — The federal government intends to spend up to $4 million to help repatriate to Gaza 4,000 long-time Palestinian refugees living in Canada Camp, an abandoned military installation now in Egypt.

The camp was built in the Sinai by Canada for United Nations troops who served in the Suez Crisis of 1956-57. Just before the 1967 Six-Day War, Egypt advised UN peacekeepers to clear out for their own safety.

By the early 1970s, the ramshackle site was occupied by Palestinian refugees, squeezed into a half square-kilometre area. Residents often refer to their home as "Canada."

But the 1978 Camp David peace accord required Israel to return the Sinai to Egypt and in 1982, the border between the two countries was redrawn, leaving Canada Camp in Egypt.

Originally, the camp, comprised of several barracks and other buildings, held 5,300 Palestinians. Egypt and Israel helped reunite 1,300 individuals with their families, until 1991.

In that year, the Egyptian government appealed to the United Nations for financial help, but the cash-strapped UN could do little.

And Israel's civil administration required that anyone wanting to rejoin family on the Gaza side of the border had to guarantee they had the equivalent of $12,000 (Cdn.), enough to build a house.

That's where Canada comes in. In 1991, Ottawa agreed to host the multilateral round of peace talks dealing with the sensitive issue of Middle East (mainly Palestinian) refugees.

Earlier this month, Canada held the gavel at the fourth round of those talks in Tunis, where the offer to repatriate Canada Camp's displaced residents was made [*CJN*, Oct. 21].

According to a spokesman in the External Affairs department, the camp houses 4,000 individuals in 640 families. In all, Canada Camp is home to 360 "households" in multiple family dwellings.

Canada has approached "concerned parties" with the repatriation plan, which will cost well over the $4 million Ottawa has available, said the spokesman, who requested he not be named.

The Tunis round of the refugee talks focused on family reunification. Already, 80 families in Canada Camp have been approached to rejoin relatives, mainly in Tel Al-Sultan in Gaza.

Should they agree, things will move "very quickly," the spokesman told *The CJN*, because there are already housing lots in Gaza to receive them.

Sites and services in Gaza are being developed at a rate that today could accept 35 families a year, the spokesman said. "The whole question is whether Gaza is ready."

The Canadian commitment is part of Canada's financial aid package of $55 million over five years toward the international effort aimed at improving the lives of Palestinians in the territories, in the wake of the Israel-PLO peace accord.

Canada's contribution is separate from the $50 million the government pumps into the Middle East in development aid every year and over and above the $ 7.8 million it channels annually to the West Bank and Gaza.

Canada Camp was built under the command of Gen. Eedson Burns, the Canadian commander of the UN Emergency Force in the Middle East from 1954 to 1959.

Disguised Hamas gunmen murder reserve soldiers

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Hamas gunmen, apparently posing as kippah-wearing Jewish settlers, killed two reserve soldiers last Sunday in the Gaza Strip.

The soldiers were picked up near a Gush Katif settlement as they were hitchhiking home from their base in the Gaza Strip.

The gunmen were driving a stolen car with Israeli license plates.

A kippah was later found behind the front seat but neither soldier was known to be religious.

After learning of the attack, an angry Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that the Fatah faction of the PLO has stopped attacking Israelis, but "Hamas will do everything to increase terror.

"Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other rejectionist groups are doing everything they can to increase terror, such as today's attack in Gaza, and they will continue to do this," Rabin said.

"By injuring Jews and Israelis, they hope to spark negative reaction among the Israeli public to the agreement (with the PLO). We will stand up to them, and fight them, while at the same time encouraging those who want the agreement to work," he said.

The bodies of Staff-Sgt. Ehud Roth, 35, of Kibbutz Hatzerim, and Cpl. Ilan Levy, 23, of Lod, were dumped by the side of a dirt road south of Khan Yunis. The car was found at 9 a.m., two hours after the soldiers climbed into the back seat at the road junction near Pe'ot Sadeh.

It was the second double murder of Israelis since the Israel-PLO peace settlement signed on September 13, and the first linked to Hamas with certainty.

An IDF manhunt for the killers, focusing on 20 wanted Hamas suspects, was under way by Sunday night, military sources said.

Ezzedin al-Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, took responsibility for the killings in a leaflet distributed shortly before the bodies were found.

"This is the gift of Hamas to the peace process," the leaflet said. "There is no peace between us and the Israelis except in the cemetery."

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The wrong show in the wrong place

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — *Show Boat* is the wrong show in the wrong place. For all its wonderful music and fidelity to history, it's the wrong history for the opening of the spanking new North York Performing Arts Centre.

It's true that some black militants have attacked the wrong targets with their anti-Semitic accusations against the writers and producers. But it's understandable that blacks would find *Show Boat* demeaning.

It is not racist--there is no deliberate attempt to inspire hatred against a particular group. But it does show blacks doing the most menial jobs, being sequestered in the balcony, and the target of discrimination by whites. True or not to that period, is that what black parents want their children to see?

Lonette McKee as Julie

Aside from that, is the swirl of events along the Mississippi River at the turn of the century the right vehicle to inaugurate a Canadian theatre? Especially when the subject is a sensitive one for 50,000 blacks in North York? Is Canadian culture so barren we have to look south?

No fuss over Merchant

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By and large, *Show Boat* is an enjoyable gig rising in at least two instances to heart stopping heights: the team of Frank and Ellie (Joel Blum and Dorothy Stanley) doing their dance number in the Chicago night club scene and the big production *Charleston* at the final curtain.

Despite a hoarse voice, Robert Morse as Cap'n Andy holds the show together, his comic acting touches are deft and understated, a nice relief from the high octane level of the production.

Though it is brilliant at times, *Show Boat* is not ready for Broadway, where the producers intend to take it. There are places where the show stops cold, as if a tap had been turned, these being when there is no music swelling in the background and characters are emoting to move the plot forward.

The sets do slide seamlessly into each other and special kudos should go to the genius who has cars moving on the other side of the Mississippi while action takes place on the Cotton Blossom. Was it done with smoke and mirrors, holograms or a piece of film?

Director Hal Prince has tried to soften any stereotypes. The black workers on the levee are not happy, shuffling *darkies*. When he finishes his memorable *Ol' Man River* number, Joe (Michel Bell) adopts a stance which suggests there will be changes in the world.

But Prince is less successful when he tries to use a song *Queenie's Ballyhoo* in the first act to explain why "colored people" aren't patronizing Cap'n Andy's Cotton Blossom Floating Palace Theatre.

On the deck of the theatre there is a sign saying "Coloreds in Balcony." "Why aren't colored people coming to the show?" asks Cap'n Andy. "Because you don't talk to them," replies Queenie (Gretha Boston), the boat's black cook. But the promising beginning goes nowhere in the ensuing lyrics.

It is doubtful that *Show Boat* will see the light of day again in the kind of splendiferous production we have here. A play in which a singer of mixed parentage (Julie, played by Lonette McKee) twice has to give up her career to make way for a white woman (Magnolia in the person of Rebecca Luker) and in which a riverboat gambler deserts his wife and child, only to be welcomed back with open arms, almost as a hero, is not the stuff of the 90s.

It is sad that the inspired work of so many Jewish writers and composers have come under a cloud because they are based on that infamous period of United States history. But we have their wonderful music on tapes and discs. Perhaps doing without the stage version is a small price to pay for promoting social justice for all.

Elaine Stritch as Parthy and Robert Morse as Cap'n Andy.

Gay, lesbian students deal with AIDS, Judaism

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — "Nobody can take away my Jewishness. I've lived as a Jew. I will die as a Jew. Nobody can take that away from me, ever."

Those heartfelt words were spoken recently by a man who came face to face with his mortality eight years ago. Kael, whose surname is being omitted at his request, was given six months to live when he was diagnosed as being HIV positive.

Kael was one of five speakers participating in a panel discussion on The Jewish Response to AIDS and HIV last week at York University. The forum was organized by the Jewish Student Federation's (JSF) Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students, a committee formed last year, as its first program for the entire JSF group.

In his discussion on Maintaining a Jewish Identity: Living with HIV and AIDS, Kael, who is gay and volunteers among other places at Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS Assist program, outlined some of the myriad difficulties he faced following his diagnosis. His main concerns included keeping his teaching job, dealing with homophobia and finding a dentist who would treat him.

The cost of medications is an ongoing problem. One bottle of pills — a three-week supply — costs $450, he said.

After he was diagnosed, Kael made it his business to find out about wills, Jewish funerals and tombstones, and decided to keep his diagnosis from his family until his parents retired. "It was hard enough for me to deal with," he said. "What the hell did they need it for?"

His parents, who were very active in the Jewish community, have been supportive. Their reaction may not be typical, however.

Kael is angered by the denial he has seen in the community. A friend of his died in the early 1980s of AIDS. At his funeral, no mention was made of the fact that he was gay or that he had died of AIDS. "Even in his death he was denied the fact of who he was. Yes, he died a Jew, but he died as a straight Jew who died of cancer or something."

Although there is less denial today, it still exists. Recently Kael attended the funeral of a Jewish friend where, on entering, he was singled out by the friend's mother and told, "Keep your mouth shut. Sit at the back. Nobody knows."

For himself, Kael would like people to continue to see him as himself. "Being Jewish is just one part of who I am. Being gay is just one part of who I am," he said.

Although Kael has worked for a number of Jewish organizations, he and his Jewish gay friends — "and there are lots of us" — have never felt comfortable in a synagogue, he said. He was "shocked" to learn of Holy Blossom's AIDS Assist program, the first and until recently the only such program run by a synagogue in Toronto.

"This is everybody's disease," said former Holy Blossom AIDS committee chair Dr. Donna Keystone, a general practitioner and HIV primary care physician whose medical office is in the heart of Toronto's gay community at Parliament and Wellesley.

Holy Blossom's program began five years ago as an educational one. They also offer a support group for parents of Jewish gays and lesbians. In 1990 they began their AIDS Assist program to match up trained volunteers as "buddies" or practical assistants to people with AIDS. Buddies offer one-on-one support, while practical assistants might cook a meal or drive someone to the doctor.

This year the group held its third annual AIDS memorial service and its third annual AIDS Seder, which has grown from 50 to 150 participants.

One of their newest initiatives is a support group for caregivers. A support group for the bereaved is being planned. "We have a lot of parents out there who have had to grieve privately," Keystone said.

Keystone commended the temple and its rabbi, Dow Marmur, for the generosity shown in providing funeral services for clients who had little family support. "It's very important when you're looking at the gay male [Jewish] community, which has been isolated from the Jewish community all these years."

Scheduled speaker Shmuel Stolero, co-ordinator of the Orthodox Response to AIDS at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, was not able to attend and was replaced on short notice by Rabbi Benjamin Hecht, founding director of Nishma, a non-profit Torah study network.

Orthodox voice

Rabbi Hecht was the only speaker not involved in working with AIDS patients, and he stated plainly that it made him uncomfortable. He agreed to participate, he said, because he felt it was important to have an Orthodox voice on the panel.

The rabbi tackled a difficult issue when he referred to the Orthodox belief that "any illness can be perceived as a punishment.

"Everything has a purpose, but to understand what that is [when another person is sick] is not up to us." The Orthodox response to any sickness, including AIDS, "has to be to help," said Rabbi Hecht. "Regardless of the cause, AIDS demands our response. You're supposed to care for someone who's ill."

Earlier Kael had spoken of an Orthodox rabbi who allegedly refused to visit Casey House (a hospice for AIDS patients) because he was afraid of risking his own health.

"I think perhaps part of the difficulty in terms of the Orthodox community has been [because of] tensions between the Orthodox perception of homosexuality and that of the gay community. By definition, the Orthodox consider a homosexual lifestyle to be unacceptable."

Although homosexual activity is prohibited by Jewish law, so is driving a car on Sabbath and eating cheeseburgers, noted Rabbi Hecht. "Maybe the moral reaction to someone who drives on the Sabbath or eats cheeseburgers should be the same as to someone who is gay."

Julie Levene of the Women's Department at the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) cautioned women to protect themselves against AIDS. Women represent the fastest growing segment of the population becoming infected with HIV, she said. Women also tend not to seek medical help as early as men and thus don't get early intervention treatment to slow down the progression of the deadly virus.

Marla Zack-Kelman, a board member of Jewish Family and Child Service and a counsellor at ACT, became involved in the fight against AIDS following a close friend's diagnosis. Her first reaction was "sheer terror," she recalls, followed by "anger that I wasn't going to bury my friend before he died."

At ACT, to her surprise, she encountered prejudice because she was heterosexual and married, although being a woman was not a problem. "I expected we were all in the same battle together, that friendships, values and lifestyles were not issues." She found that with honesty and empathy it was possible to work effectively even though she was not part of the community most affected by the disease.

Forty million people will be infected by the AIDS virus by the end of the century, said Kael. When asked what remains to be done, his first answer was "a Jewish Casey House. Wouldn't that be beautiful?"

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McDougall bows out of politics as new government elected

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Exit Barbara McDougall and with her, a good friend of the Jewish community and among the most pro-Israel ministers of External Affairs in Canadian history.

And she admits it: "I think on balance," says a relaxed McDougall, these days weighing job offers after having surveyed the election battle from the sidelines, "we had an extra affection for Israel."

Affection. A perfect word for how McDougall and arguably, her former boss Brian Mulroney, felt about Jews and the Jewish state.

"We have nothing to apologize for," McDougall told *The CJN* during a recent interview at her former constituency office. "And we were careful. If we felt Israel was on the wrong track, we said so — but usually in private."

This has been a year of transition for McDougall. When Kim Campbell was sworn in as prime minister, McDougall stepped down as Secretary of State for External Affairs, the post she'd held since April, 1991.

And with Monday's election, she's bowing out of politics altogether, leaving it to fresh blood to fill the seat of St. Paul's, the bellwether Toronto riding she represented for the Tories since 1984.

And reciprocal affection for McDougall in the Jewish community was palpable. Rarely was she greeted at a Jewish or pro-Israel rally without a standing ovation, despite her's party's usually abysmal standing in the polls and her own image as aloof.

Not that her tenure at External was all smooth sailing. McDougall came to the post in the murky wake left by her predecessor, Joe Clark, whose numerous and public disagreements with Mulroney on the Middle East were a sign for some that Canada's policy was veering dangerously off course.

For many in the Jewish community, McDougall righted the ship. Her appointment to External was hailed by all national Jewish organizations.

And it wasn't long after she was named to the post that Israel insisted Canada host the multilateral round of peace talks dealing with the thorny issue of Mideast refugees. Two rounds of negotiations took place in Ottawa last year, one in Oslo over the summer and earlier this month, Canada held the gavel in the fourth round in Tunis.

At the start of the peace process, McDougall was quoted as saying that Canada is too small a player and lacks clout in the region.

But now, she says, Canada has carved out a small but important niche in the Middle East.

While this country is not a major force, "it doesn't mean we shouldn't be proud of our record. I don't think we should have any illusions. No other middle power plays the role that we do," she states.

Barbara McDougall

"All along, we had an understanding of the historic need to be firm on Israel as an important country, as the only democracy in the region."

McDougall dismisses charges that her Mideast stance was too pro-Israel and biased against Arabs and Palestinians.

"No, I don't think [our policy] led us into being biased. And we won't be browbeaten by other countries of the region, or oil-rich countries, into changing our position or losing faith in Israel."

And she's also quick with a defence for Joe Clark, whose stinging rebuke of Israel's handling of the intifada at the 1988 Canada-Israel Committee conference still lingers.

McDougall says she was "fairly upset" by Clark's speech, which accused Israel of "illegal," "unacceptable" and "shocking" human rights violations in the territories.

"A lot of it was gratuitous and somewhat insensitive," McDougall says. "But there was overreaction [to it] on all parts.

"I think the differences between Mr. Clark and Mr. Mulroney were greatly exaggerated. At the end of the day, it's the prime minister who's responsible for foreign policy."

While it was Clark who announced in 1989 that Canada would remove restrictions on official contacts with the PLO, except for cabinet ministers, McDougall believes now is not the time to grant the organization full Canadian recognition.

"I'd wait. The legitimacy of the PLO depends on its behavior over the next while. They have a lot to answer for."

(*The CJN*'s interview with McDougall was conducted prior to the signing of the Israel-PLO peace deal. But the day after the accord was signed in Washington, she telephoned *The CJN* to express her delight at the event.)

McDougall was "extremely favorably disposed to Canada-Israel relations and could always be counted on for support," commented Dan Pekarsky, national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee. "She was a good friend of Israel."

Agrees Moshe Ronen, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's Israel affairs committee, McDougall was "a very sympathetic ear, someone who truly took the community's concerns to heart and acted on them in an effective way."

"She understood the community's domestic and international agenda. Her door was always open to us," remarked Frank Dimant of B'nai Brith Canada.

McDougall has come by her admiration of Israel honestly.

"It goes back to my high school days," she recalls. "My father served in World War II and after he died, I took a great interest in it. I had a teacher who dwelt a lot on the dangers of fascism. My younger sister spent a year in Israel. All those things came together for me."

Swept up in the Tory tide of 1984, McDougall was immediately appointed to cabinet as Minister of state for Finance, where she stickhandled — many said deftly — the collapse of several Canadian financial institutions.

From there, it was on to the ministries of state for privatization, status of women and for three years, employment and immigration, before landing at External.

Possessing a self-described "global outlook," McDougall is an eager proponent of free trade between Canada and Israel, and claims that then Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens' 1991 remark that Canada-Israel relations have "nowhere to go but up" was misinterpreted.

"He was referring to trade," McDougall explains. "And besides, [the remark] was not well received by Israel's cabinet."

The former minister is also quick with a defence for Canada's oft-criticized policy on arms exports, especially to Arab nations technically still in a state of war with Israel.

While Canada does sell arms to Saudi Arabia and one other, yet unnamed Gulf state, it does not sell weapons to any country bordering Israel, she points out.

"Look," she adds, "if I had my way, we wouldn't sell arms to anybody. Granting an export permit doesn't necessarily mean a sale of weapons. I've turned down some permits that had the trade people enraged."

On the whole, though, Canada's arms export policy "is not quite right," she concedes.

McDougall is characteristically tactful about her own future: "It's inappropriate to make many overt moves," she says.

"I haven't aggressively gone out looking for things. [That] strikes me as unseemly."

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash

Family Law Counsel

Recently I wrote about new law established in Ontario cases in which housewives who had been absent from the work force for several years, received lump-sum compensatory support *in addition to* monthly alimony and property settlements. In the cases of **Ormorod** and Elliot these amounts were very large, leaving the husband with very little in the equity of the matrimonial home. It was generally understood that these awards followed the reasoning of the Supreme Court of Canada in **Moge**, which appeared to sanction the use of "compensatory" support as a way of compensating women who lose a future stream of income because of child-rearing and toilet-cleaning duties for much of their working lives.

As a result of these large "lump sum" orders (which in one case exceeded $100,000 in addition to the property division), family law lawyers scrambled to commission expert reports from economists, often at great cost (at least $1600). These economists became so important in the legal process that settlement negotiations and even court dates were postponed pending the receipt of their reports. Many of us were afraid of being sued by our clients if we didn't obtain such evidence, even though the Supreme Court of Canada in **Moge** appeared to suggest that expert evidence was unnecessary. (None of us took this suggestion seriously).

To almost everyone's surprise, Mr. Elliot's appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal recently resulted in another upheaval in Family Law. I call it the "counter-revolution". The Court of Appeal reversed the "lump-sum" compensatory support model and suggested that the method of calculating such support was improper. In short, Mr. Elliot did not have to pay a large lump sum in addition to monthly alimony and a division of property. The wife's contribution to the marriage by reason of her absence from the work force was again only one more intangible factor in the Court's determination of periodic support, which in Mrs. Elliot's case was restricted to $1000 monthly.

The Court of Appeal gave virtually no guidelines on how it calculated this amount. In explaining the Court of Appeal's decision, Mr. Justice Morden stressed that the lower court's method of quantifying the large lump sum figure ignored Mr. Eliot's inability to pay this amount in light of his current net income. In short, the Court felt that a balance had to be re-established between the wife's financial needs and the husband's ability to contribute to the funding of those needs.

As a result of this Court of Appeal decision, family law again has no clear-cut guidelines on how to quantify compensatory support. The Appellate Court's decision suggests that the use of a large sum to compensate for the loss of seniority in the marketplace by reason of the marriage is legally unacceptable. Many lawyers will now be firing these economists in light of the Court's decision and settling cases without any lump sum calculation of the wife's future loss of seniority in the work force, except in perhaps calculating a longer period for alimony payment.

Mrs. Elliot's counsel on the appeal, Stephen Grant, is one of Ontario's most respected family lawyers. He is also a Blue Jays' enthusiast. If Mrs. Elliot or someone like her successfully appeals this recent decision to the feminist-minded Supreme Court of Canada, lawyers may be hiring these economists again. Ever the baseball fan, Grant may well be musing about Yogi Berra's famous line before the end of an important game: "It ain't over 'til it's over."

Meanwhile, what do the rest of us do? And what would Berra now advise us to tell our clients whose cases are awaiting settlement or trial?

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Rabbi Schild to chair CZF convention

TORONTO — Rabbi Erwin Schild will chair the upcoming Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) national convention, to be held Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 at the Regal Constellation Hotel in Toronto.

"We are honored to have as chairman a man who is dedicated to the cause of Zionism and whose devotion to the State of Israel has been steadfast," said CZF national president Kurt Rothschild.

Rabbi Schild has been rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel Synagogue in Toronto since 1989.

Delegates from 15 constituent members of the CZF will hear keynote addresses from speakers like former MK Yosef Burg; Gideon Shimoni, visiting professor in Jewish Studies at the University of Washington; Eli Eyal, past director of the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv; and David Olesker, founder of The Institute for Countering Arab Propoganda.

Rabbi Schild anticipates that a large number of youth will attend the convention, drawn by the CZF's involvement in youth activity.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

CYWES

Jean Schenkel, of suburban Toronto, came to Canada as a young child from a shtetl in what is now White Russia near Baranovici and Novogrudek between Minsk and Pinsk. She is the sole survivor of a family surnamed Cywes, pronounced Tzives.

I have concluded that her surname is not toponymic (place name), but rather appears to be matronymic, that is, derived from the name of a mother or other female ancestor especially with the addition of a suffix indicating descent. Examples are Beiles, Peikes, and Perles.

The origin is probably the given name Tzivyah, the Hebrew word for a gazelle, used affectionately to describe a beautiful girl.

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Indian Jews denied tourist visas

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Sarah Brown was putting the finishing touches to the arrangements for the bar mitzvah of her eldest son, Cyrille, plans were made for a head table that would seat 11.

In addition to the immediate family, places were designated for her other far-flung family members— for her mother who was flying in from Israel, for her uncle, who was journeying from Australia, and for her brother and his family who were making the long trip from their small village in south-central India.

But instead of the reunion she was banking on, the family was intensely disappointed when they learned only days before the simcha that immigration officials in New Delhi had refused to issue her brother, Joseph Silas, and his family tourist visas to visit Canada.

"It was devastating," Brown said recently. I'm a law-abiding citizen. Why couldn't my brother be able to come?"

Despite letters from MPs Maurizio Bevilacqua and Bill Attewell asking visa officials to reconsider their decision and Silas' own assurances that he only intended to attend his nephew's bar mitzvah and visit his family, immigration authorities steadfastly refused to grant the visas. They would grant a single visa to Silas if he left his family behind, they said.

The incident has left a bitter taste with Brown and her family, who had hoped for "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" for the whole family to get together. Brown said the bar mitzvah would have given her brother's two young children the chance to meet their three cousins and for them all to share in a lifecycle event that Silas' children would likely not see in their Indian village, where no other Jews reside.

A document sent to Brown from Ruth Hunter, an officer of the case management branch of Employment and Immigration Canada, summarized the report of the ministry's New Delhi officials.

"Two visa officers reviewed the application," Hunter wrote on Sept. 29. "They were not satisfied that the applicant (Silas) was a genuine visitor. He has no relatives, apart from his wife and children, in India. If he had left India with his family, he would have had no (extended) family to which to return.

"Visa officials were of the opinion that the proposed expenditure (for taking his entire family on a six-week trip to Canada) was out of proportion to the applicant's income and savings. In addition, a letter on file from the firm of Fraser and Beatty, lawyers, dated April 24, 1985, contained information to the effect that life in India was difficult for the subject because he is Jewish.

"At the time, the law firm made a strong pitch to the visa office to extend consideration for permanent residence on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. . . Given all the above circumstances, the visa officials were unconvinced about the intentions of the subject and could not issue visitor visas."

Joseph Silas

Brown acknowledges that she attempted in 1985 to convince her brother to join her in Canada, but he turned her down because of his successful job in India, where he works for a tobacco company, and because he didn't want to be a burden on her. Silas did not fill out an immigration kit that was sent to him, she pointed out.

Visa officials could not understand how he could spend one year's salary for the trip, she said. To them, it appeared he was getting ready to leave India for good.

Silas had come to New Delhi without documentation showing he had other valuable assets, including a house, that he was building another home, that he had a good job and had a variety of investments in India, she said. He didn't know he would need that documentation just to visit Canada.

Immigration officials also couldn't understand why someone would spend about a year's salary for the trip. "They don't understand what families are all about — how people can spend that kind of money," she said.

"I was very disappointed," Silas said in a telephone interview from his home in Guntur, India. "I felt very hurt that even though I was going back to India, they didn't believe me."

Silas said that the family plans to try to visit his sister in Toronto in June, 1994. This time, he said, he will bring all the documentation describing his assets and the investments he has in the company for which he works.

Richmond Hill lawyer Earl Winemaker said he made "a last-ditch effort" only a few days before the bar mitzvah to convince Murray Oppertshauser, immigration counsellor at the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi, to allow the Silas family to visit Canada.

Winemaker, who has represented Brown in various matters, said he offered to hold $30,000 in trust as a bond for the Silas' return to India. He said Oppertshauser told him there were no immigration regulations to account for that situation.

The whole situation has angered Winemaker. "We're in a country that has lost tourism," he said. "It's an issue of tourism, not immigration, for God's sake. He was coming for a bar mitzvah."

Contacted in New Delhi, Oppertshauser said privacy legislation prevented him from discussing the details of the Silas case. But, he said, the rule applied in all tourist visa cases is that "the immigration officer must be satisfied that someone is visiting Canada temporarily and will leave Canada."

He said about 20 percent of applicants are turned down but there is nothing to prevent them from re-applying. In that event, the case is given a "fresh" evaluation.

Oppertshauser acknowledged it is difficult for applicants to prove their intent to return and in some cases, they may be sincere in telling visa officers they plan only a visit. "But when they get to Canada and the family works on them, they may change their minds," he said.

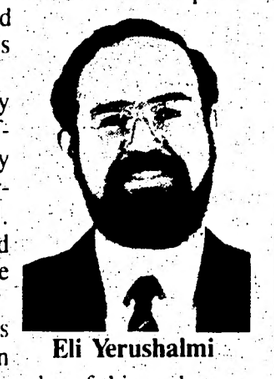
New evidence can make an impact when people reapply for tourist visas, he added.

Israeli diplomat maintains hectic pace

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — The only regret Eli Yerushalmi has about his move to Ottawa as the second highest ranking diplomat in Canada, is that he isn't in Israel to see how people are reacting to the PLO-Israeli peace agreement.

"It's a new opening. It's like a dream, unbelievable," says Yerushalmi, incredulous that peace with the Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbors is in sight.



Eli Yerushalmi

Yerushalmi had barely unpacked his suitcases after moving with his family to Ottawa when the historic agreement was signed. He was instantly busy, and very enthusiastic about the accord.

"Everybody knows there's a new ball game in the Middle East. We have a lot of things that we haven't settled yet, but now most of us understand that things will be settled through negotiation. That's a huge step forward."

Yerushalmi is optimistic about the plan. First, he says, it does not compromise Israel's security. And second, the agreement sets out a gradual timetable that allows all parties to measure the success of one step before they move on to the next.

In December, the Israeli forces will begin withdrawing soldiers from Gaza and Jericho, a process that will take four months.

"During that time we will see what's happening — if the PLO can control the Hamas, if there's no violence in the area, if Israelis can drive through the streets of Jericho with no problem," says Yerushalmi.

In July 1994 the Palestinians will hold elections for a Palestinian governing council that will run affairs in all the territories. Negotiations for the final status of the territories will begin in 1996 and the final agreement is scheduled to be signed in 1999.

"Six years is enough time to check ourselves, to build the confidence that we need with the Palestinians, see if self rule is working. And by then the whole psychological environment will be different."

"I think its going to work -- it has to work," says Yerushalmi. "The other way around will mean more bloodshed. And who wants it? As an Israeli who has been living and fighting wars, this is a great chance."

Canada is the third posting for the 34-year-old diplomat. He was the Israeli consul in Houston, Texas for three years and before that the vice-consul in Alexandria, Egypt. In Israel he worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His experience in Egypt convinced him that Israel and its Arab neighbors could live in peace.

As a diplomat working under ambassador Itzhak Shelef, one of Yerushalmi's goals is to strengthen ties, especially economic ties, between the Canadian government and Israel. He expects that peace will make the Middle East more attractive for investors.

A second goal is to get to know the Canadian Jewish community. Canadian Jews, says Yerushalmi, are among the world's highest per capita financial supporters of Israel, and he wants to meet them. He also plans to travel to other centres across the country.

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PLO deploys 'secret service'

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It was the second such clash in as many days.

The ongoing violence reportedly has led the PLO to deploy in Gaza what is being called a "secret service apparatus" to protect Palestinians in the wake of a series of assassinations of Fatah activists.

In Gaza, roughly 3,000 volunteers reportedly are being readied to serve the Fatah faction of the PLO in a "general mobilization to deal with the extreme emergency" following the Oct. 21 murder of Saftawi.

Saftawi, a powerful grass-roots leader and a friend of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, was shot by two masked gunmen as he was picking his son up from school.

The volunteers would help protect Palestinians against the "enemies" of the peace process who seek to abort it, according to a Fatah memorandum distributed over last weekend.

Last Friday, thousands of mourners accompanied Saftawi's coffin through the streets of Gaza, some shouting for vengeance. He was buried near two other recently slain Fatah activists and peace process supporters: Mohammed Abu Sha'aban and his aide, Maher Kehail.

At a news conference in Paris the same day, Arafat disputed claims by some that the latest killing was a product of a power struggle among Fatah leaders.

The killers "wanted a Palestinian internecine struggle after the peace accord," Arafat was quoted as saying.

Hamas murders two soldiers

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The leaflet taunted Rabin and Gaza commander Brig.-Gen. Yomtov Samiah. "Rabin and Samiah should know that the settling of accounts will continue until the day of judgment, as long as the the stones and the trees say: Here is a Jew hiding. Kill him." The phrase, attributed to Mohammed, appears in article seven of the Hamas Covenant.

Roth and Levy left Rafiah in a military jeep which dropped them at Pe'ot Sadeh, considered a safe place from which to take an Israeli bus or a settler's car along the east-west road out of Gaza.

"After waiting a few minutes, a beige Subaru station wagon with Israeli license plates came along. The soldiers, believing the driver and passenger to be Israeli, got in and sat in the back seat," Col. B. said.

But after a few kilometers, the car turned left towards Khan Yunis. The gunmen then turned and shot the soldiers. One bullet smashed a window. Blood was on the seats.

The gunmen took a shirt and both pairs of boots as well as Roth's ID card and the M-16 rifles Roth and Levy were carrying.

Datia Hershkowitz, from nearby Kfar Yam and the spokeswoman for Gush Katif settlers, said that the killings added to "our concern for where the whole peace process, including the release of prisoners, is leading. The government hides behind this cry that it is Hamas, but it is all bull."

Arafat ready to negotiate even in Syria's absence

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — PLO leader Yasser Arafat is willing to hold "informal" talks with Israel in Washington on a variety of issues related to Palestinian self-rule, even in Syria's absence.

According to officials in the Prime Minister's Office, U.S. special coordinator for the Middle East Dennis Ross brought this message to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin after holding talks with Arafat in Tunis last Tuesday.

Until now, Syria has successfully insisted that it, Jordan, Lebanon, and the Palestinians hold simultaneous talks with Israel.

In negotiations held earlier this month between Israel and the PLO in Cairo, the two sides agreed to hold talks in Washington on implementing self-rule in the the territories, apart from Gaza and Jericho, beginning next summer.

Officials say Rabin and Ross discussed Syria privately for half an hour, before joining aides for another hour of talks.

Ross left last week for Damascus to assure the Syrian leadership that the United States is not neglecting that country, and is committed to the ultimate success of the Israel-Syrian track.

Ross was expected to ask Rabin whether the prime minister thought it was worthwhile for Secretary of State Warren Christopher to visit the region early next month.

Foreign Ministry officials believe if Christopher does make the trip, he will seek to inform Damascus that it would gain points from the Americans from a full-fledged peace agreement.

Syria is keen on getting off the State Department's terrorism list, having the U.S. formally ratify its position in Lebanon, and obtaining Western economic assistance.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres also met privately with Ross. Officials said Peres reiterated that Israel cannot accept the Syrian demand that Israel first concede territory and only later discuss peace and security.

Both Peres and Ross agreed on the need to find ways to integrate Jordan into an Israeli-PLO peace agreement.

Palestinian prisoner gets royal welcome by Fatah after 23 years in prison

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Last week's release of Israel's longest-held Palestinian prisoner, Salim Zerai, was reportedly Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's compromise response to two appeals by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat for the release of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

Zerai, the first to be freed from jail as a gesture to Palestinian demands for a general amnesty, returned to his home in the Deir el-Balah refugee camp 23 years after being captured en route to Haifa in a boat full of guns.

A three-gun salute from a Fatah honor guard greeted him as he arrived at his flag-draped home in a luxury car. He was accompanied by Dr. Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Arafat and a friend of President Ezer Weizman.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office confirmed that at a meeting in Cairo earlier this month, Arafat asked Rabin to release Yassin — who is serving a life term for his role in the murders of Israeli soldiers Ilan Sa'adon and Avi Sasportas — only to be rebuffed on the spot.

Arafat made a second appeal last week, sources said. He asked Tibi to arrange a meeting with Rabin and make the case for the release of both Yassin and Zerai.

Rabin, Tibi, and Health Minister Haim Ramon, who facilitated the meeting, met last week to discuss the matter. Sources said that Rabin did not react one way or another during the meeting, giving PLO officials hope that he might reconsider his refusal to free Yassin.

Analysts say Arafat wants to get Yassin out of jail to prove to his fundamentalist critics that he is not only interested in freeing Fatah prisoners.

And those seeking Yassin's freedom minimize his involvement in inciting terrorism and insist his release will help Arafat co-opt Hamas.

In the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee last week, Rabin reportedly defended his decision to release Zerai as helping to "give peace a chance."

He also said it was a gesture to Fatah in recognition for its halting attacks against Israelis since the mutual Declaration of Principles was signed a month ago.

Rabin slammed newspaper reports claiming he has a master plan to release thousands of prisoners within a week, with more to come.

While he did not disavow an earlier statement that he intends to release many prisoners, he is said to have told the MKs that everything else is premature.

The eastern Jerusalem daily *Al-Quds* last week ran a lead story saying Zerai's release was a prelude to the freeing of 6,000 prisoners. The report cited PLO sources in Amman for its information.

"A new page has opened," said Tibi after Zerai's release. "The release of prisoners will create a better atmosphere and stronger support among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza."

Palestinians argue that all security prisoners are political prisoners and should be released as a direct consequence of the end of hostilities between Israel and the PLO.

The government accepts that circumstances have changed, but has to weigh satisfying Palestinians with increasing worry among Israelis.

Palestinian students recalled that they learned Zerai was the first Gazan to acquire a rifle after the the Six-Day War and fire it in the air to announce his decision to offer "armed resistance to the Zionists."

He was an example to students at Gaza's Islamic University who joined Fatah in the 1980s. They were told that he initiated resistance to Israel in 1967 and recruited followers.

He was captured near Haifa in July 1970, while ferrying weapons by sea from Lebanon.

He had also visited Jordan and met with Arafat and his then deputy, the late Khalil Wazir (Abu Jihad), receiving instructions, weapons, and money.

An IDF statement said that after his capture, he admitted to attacking Israeli troops and killing one Palestinian between 1968 and 1970.

Palestinian delegates demanded his release during the seventh and eight round of peace talks in Washington. He is considered a likely participant in future PLO-Israel talks, possibly on the expected mass prisoner release.

Likud MK Ariel Sharon condemned the release as "another concession" with no equivalent move from the PLO.

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Zehev Tadmor

Zehev Tadmor, president of Technion - Israel Institute of Technology for the past three years, has a longstanding affiliation with the university. He earned his B.Sc. in 1959 and his master's degree in 1963 at Technion prior to receiving his PhD from the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. A Technion faculty member since 1968, he is a former chair of the Chemical Engineering Department. In the late 1980s he headed the think tank that drafted the university's program for absorption of Soviet olim. While in Toronto recently, he spoke to CJN *reporter Frances Kraft at the Toronto office of the Canadian Technion Society.*

CJN: *What are your priorities at Technion, and why?*

Tadmor: Priority number one is to get very heavily into major research projects. We are working on establishing some 18 multi-disciplinary centres of excellence in different phases of technology.

Priority number two, which is equally important, is to improve our engineering education to answer the needs of the future. I believe you can no longer educate an engineer for 21st-century technology in four years. That means that most of our engineering graduates will have to continue into a master's of engineering program. I think that will be the trend worldwide.

Number three will be getting very heavily into management education. Industry depends on technology, but you cannot run an industry without having superior management. There's tremendous global competition. We established an Industrial Engineering and Management Department some 20 years ago, but we want to focus more attention on management.

Another major change will be a strong focus on continuing education. Engineers will have to study throughout their life, and we want to become a focal point of that type of activity. We have a lot of continuing education already, but we want to expand it. In fact, we are using part of our Canada building to expand substantially the continuing education activity on campus.

We are also getting more involved with science education, because that's the future generation. We have a department that educates teachers for high schools in science and technology, and we've had an international science program for high school [students] for the past two years.

CJN: *You headed the think tank responsible for Technion's absorption program for Soviet immigrants. How are those olim who were scientists in the former Soviet Union being absorbed into Israel's scientific community?*

Tadmor: There were about half a million immigrants who came in this last wave in the last three years or so. Of that half a million, there were about 40,000 to 50,000 engineers and about 10,000 scientists (people with doctorate degrees who have published papers). Those at universities — between 700 and 1,000 at most — are the elite.

Many others are in industry. According to the statistics, one year after aliyah about 60 percent, if I remember correctly, have jobs, [although] I don't know if they're the kind of jobs they want to have.

Technion has absorbed 20 faculty members. They are the cream of the crop, obviously.

Hundreds that were scientists now work as high school teachers in science.

After two years in Israel the unemployment drops to 15 percent, which is still higher than the Israeli average, which I think is now 10 or 11 percent.

You have to realize, and they do too, that when you make a transition like that between two societies that are so different, there is a transition period until you climb back to where you have been. Some will never climb back, and some will far exceed where they were before. We are very early in that stage. It's too early to judge.

CJN: *Aside from the 20 Russian faculty members, how are Russian olim being absorbed at Technion?*

Tadmor: In that sense we are leading other Israeli universities. We have on our campus 1,500 Russian students out of a total of 10,500 students. We have 350 Russian scientists working on research projects together with faculty on a temporary basis with the help of the government. We established an incubator for Russian scientists to develop ideas and products that have a commercial value, and we have 70 Russian scientists and engineers working on about 15 different projects, each of which is set up as a little company. Now we are at the stage where the first little companies are negotiating major investment in order to expand.

We are involved on a continual basis with hundreds of engineers and scientists in retraining programs. [We are] retraining engineers and scientists, either to become teachers or broadening their base in engineering so that they become better integrated into Israeli society. Most of them do find jobs in industry.

CJN: *How has the job market for Israeli scientists been affected?*

Tadmor: I think there is a little more competition. Our graduates are the cream, and the 1,500 Russian students now studying at the Technion will be in the same category, fully integrated.

And the others, I find in different positions, some in very good positions, some in not as good positions. It's a big mix.

The overall impact is extremely positive. The fact is that the Israeli economy started to move with the immigration, to expand at the rate of six percent.

Attempts by the government to force industry to hire people just to give them jobs were refused. Industry hired only when they were expanding. They remained efficient, which was the right thing to do.

Up to a certain level [of competition], people work better and harder. When you exceed that level, it may become counterproductive. I think we have not reached that stage. All in all, it's a positive.

CJN: *In your 1992 president's report you mentioned that Technion's absorption of 2,000 immigrants was accomplished without going into overdraft. Can you still say the same thing?*

Tadmor: Absolutely. Our university has no accumulated deficit whatsoever. As we grew in student population by about 17 percent, our faculty only grew very moderately. This was intentional, because this may be a transient period, and then the number of students may go down. We didn't want to increase our permanent faculty and not be able to reduce it.

So that made it more efficient in a way, though the students perhaps suffered a bit because the student-faculty ratio went up higher than what we would like to see.

Our fundraising also increased 75 percent within a two-year period. I don't think we'll stay at that rate, though. Partly the increase was due to the fact that the Jewish community worldwide was galvanized by the immigration.

CJN: *Where does government funding fit in?*

Tadmor: The government helped too. The government had allocated additional funding [because of mandatory increases in student populations at all Israeli universities to help absorb new olim].

CJN: *What role does the Israeli government play in the running of Israeli universities?*

Tadmor: There is no minister responsible for universities, because the universities are independent of the government. The Israeli president makes appointments to the Council of Higher Education, and each university is represented there.

The Chair of the Council of Higher Education is the Minister of Education, Amnon Rubinstein, but the council makes the decisions on academic matters.

Every academic program, in order to be accredited, needs the approval of the council. The chair of the planning and budgeting committee negotiates with the government for funding, so the minister has no direct responsibility, which is excellent, because there is no governmental intervention into the universities. We handle our own affairs.

CJN: *Of all your deans, department heads and institute heads, only one is a woman. Why do you think that is?*

Tadmor: Why don't girls tend to study science in high school? That's what it's about, and the reason is the teachers and the home which still direct girls not to opt for science and technology. Counsellors in schools generally don't encourage that sufficiently. I don't know why.

The image of technology is that it's very masculine — hard hats, big corporations — but in reality, in today's world, most engineers or a good number of them, will be working with computers, doing things that women can do equally well, and it's just a matter of bringing them up there. The delay time is very long.

CJN: *Do you think there's a reason why women can't do "hard-hat" jobs?*

Tadmor: No.

CJN: *Is there anything that Technion is doing to encourage women to pursue careers in technology?*

Tadmor: We are [letting it be known] when we send information to high schools that in today's world girls and boys should equally opt for science and technology. We don't want those that do not have the talent and the capability, but those that do [should consider it], and they do in increasing numbers.

There are faculties and departments at the Technion, such as food technology and biotechnology, that have an equal or proportional number of women. My own department, chemical engineering, always had a large number of women. Mechanical engineering less so, but it's changing. It's slowly growing. I don't think it's growing fast enough, and I think we have an untapped reserve of talent which we ought to take advantage of.

CJN: *Of all the high-tech projects at Technion, which ones do you think might have the greatest impact?*

Tadmor: We have major efforts both in optoelectronics which is the next stage of microelectronics, and in advanced materials with the electron microscope that the Canadian Technion Society is [funding].

We also have a substantial multi-disciplinary effort in space technology with a Technion-developed satellite that is to be launched in space next year by the Russians.

CJN: *Haifa has a relatively large Arab population. Is that reflected in your student population?*

Tadmor: We have many hundreds of Arab students. I don't know the exact number because we don't count, but I would say we have representation a little less than in the general population. It's very difficult to get into Technion.

In certain fields [Arab students] may still have difficulties finding jobs because many of our graduates go into defence-oriented industries. For them it's more difficult to find a job.

CJN: *What is the political atmosphere like between Jewish and Arab students?*

Tadmor: Our student organization is the only one in the country which is totally apolitical. We do not allow any political activity for students.

They can invite anybody they want to listen to and they can discuss [politics] freely, but the organizational structure is not political and we want to keep it that way. So therefore there is no problem between Arab and Jewish students. When you go into a class you don't distinguish.

CJN: *What is being done in the area of water research at Technion?*

Tadmor: Water research is one area of the centres of excellence that we are now establishing [in the form of] a water research institute. We are investing many millions of dollars into it, and we already have a very strong water research effort involving desalination, water recovery, water policy, and everything associated with water management.

CJN: *Is there any kind of co-operation with Lebanon on water issues?*

Tadmor: Israel's former water commissioner is a Technion professor, and he was involved in the international deal for negotiating part of the peace process. Unofficial co-operation goes on all the time, but much more could be done in an environment of peace, and will be done.

CJN: *What has Technion done in the area of environmental research?*

Tadmor: We haven't done enough in environment. That's in the planning stage.

There are now two aspects to the environmental problem. The environment itself, which is a global problem, and we want to play a role in that. Then there is a regional global warming, [depletion of] ozone layers and so on. Our satellite, by the way, has an ozone gauge which will measure the concentration of ozone over the polar regions.

The Mediterranean requires a lot of attention from an environmental point of view. Regional pollution problems, air pollution problems and water resource pollution problems are problems that we want to treat.

But there is also the other aspect of the environment, developing technologies to protect it. We want to develop those high tech technologies.

CJN: *What are your thoughts on the recent peace accord?*

Tadmor: I think it's the beginning of a new era. I think our economy in a peaceful environment can evolve tremendously. It's a hopeful time. The future is still wrought with many traps and dangers, but war is dangerous too.

Withdrawal from territories said essential to end conflict

TEL AVIV — One of Israel's most respected Middle East experts has said that in order to end the century-old conflict with the Palestinians, Israel must withdraw from most of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and grant Palestinians "a foothold" in Jerusalem.

Shimon Shamir, the former ambassador to Egypt and current head of Tel Aviv University's (TAU) Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, was speaking at a colloquium with former military intelligence chief Maj. Gen. (res.) Shlomo Gazit.

Gazit said he doubted the agreement between Israel and the PLO has "more than a 50 per cent chance" of success.

Shamir told participants the agreement reflected basic changes in Palestinian and Israeli thinking.

The Palestinians no longer see Israel as an "inabsorbable" element in the Middle East, he said. "No serious Palestinian believes the Israelis will leave the region."

Moreover, he said Palestinians realize they cannot rely on the Arab world, and that they were wrong in looking to the United Nations, the former Soviet Union and the Third World for help against Israel.

Timing was also a factor, Shamir said. Many Palestinians felt that unless they concluded an agreement with Israel now, they would be facing a different Israeli government and a wave of Jewish settlements in the territories.

Israelis have also changed, Shamir said. They realize the Palestinians have a viable national identity and that talk of a "voluntary transfer" of millions of Palestinians to the Arab countries is unrealistic.

He said Israelis don't believe time is working against them, but are concerned that if no agreement is reached with the present Palestinian leadership, "then in five years they will find only the [fundamentalist] Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the arena."

Nevertheless, a price tag is attached to the termination of the 100-year-old conflict between the two peoples, he said. "Many Israelis aren't willing to pay that price, and their priorities certainly constitute a legitimate political position, but the only realistic possibility of ending the conflict is by meeting the following conditions."

Palestinians must have sovereign entity

• The Palestinians must have a sovereign entity, be it a Palestinian independent state or a Jordanian-Palestinian entity. "The struggle will not end if there is anything less than Arab-Palestinian sovereignty. Autonomy is no solution," he said. He made the comparison to autonomous Eskimos living in Greenland under Danish sovereignty.

• Most of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip must be returned to Arab hands, although the parties may reach agreements which may provide for the establishment of security zones.

• The Palestinians must have "a foothold" in Jerusalem to establish "some of their national institutions." Shamir said 150,000 Palestinians live in the capital, and Jews cannot lay claim to a city which was under their rule for 1,000 years and expect Arabs to give up a city which was under Islamic rule for 1,200 years. Besides, said Shamir, Jerusalem today is practically divided: Israelis avoid East Jerusalem.

• An agreement must be reached over the issue of the Palestinian right of return. However, returning refugees should be allowed back "into whatever territory they receive into their hands not to ours."

• Finally, the Israeli settlements cannot constitute "islands of Israeli sovereignty in the Palestinian territory. This will be a real hindrance."

Even if all these conditions are met, several challenges will face supporters, like the threat from Muslim and Jewish fundamentalists. Shamir said he anticipates problems in Jerusalem.

Earlier Gazit, a senior researcher at TAU's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies, said that the Declaration of Principles "laid the groundwork for the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state."

Gazit, who has met with senior PLO security personnel, said Israel and the PLO will have to discuss the size of the Jericho area which is to be handed over to the Palestinians. "I have seen general headquarters maps with the Israeli Defence Forces proposals and they're definitely minimal. I doubt they will satisfy the other side."

He said he was sure the Palestinian maps would be "maximal."

He also spoke of handing over responsibility for internal security. The agreement says responsibility must be transferred within four months "but Palestinians say they need 18 months to prepare for this task adequately," Gazit said.

Joseph Alpert, director of the Jaffee Centre, participated in talks with PLO security experts. He said he believed the Palestinians will agree to intelligence co-operation with Israel "because it will be clear to them that they will benefit from it."

Rescue marked

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — "We have not come to receive your gratitude; we have not come to be thanked. The feeling was that we were just doing our duty," Mogens Kofod-Hansen, chair of the Danish-Israel Friendship Society, said last week at a ceremony at the presidential residence marking the 50th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jewry.

He was summing up the general feelings of a delegation of 125 Danish citizens, most of whom were resistance fighters during the Nazi occupation.

Mogens Ryefelt 75, the leader of an 11-member sabotage group that saved hundreds of Jews from capture and almost certain death, could not say how many people owed him their lives.

"I didn't count them," he said. Only one of the survivors contacted him after the war, but he bears no grudge. He said he doesn't feel others owe him anything.

The rescue operation would not have been possible without Sweden's cooperation and its willingness to accept the Jews, said Stefan Isaak, vice chair of the Danish Jewish community.

Disregarding the dangers and showing "humanity and compassion," Danes saved 93 percent of the country's Jews of Denmark, he said, noting that 472 Danish Jews fell into German hands and were deported to Theresienstadt.

Earlier this month in Copenhagen, pianist-comedian Victor Borge, one of 7,300 Jews saved during the war, thanked his countrymen in a ceremony attended by Queen Margrethe II, Denmark's Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior, Israeli Ambassador Nathan Meron and German Ambassador Hermann Grunedel.

Correction

A headline in the Oct. 14 (Toronto) and the Oct 21 (Montreal) issues of *The CJN* incorrectly states Entrepreneur to represent El Al in Canada.

The headline should have read Entrepreneur to represent Tivall Vegetarian Foods.

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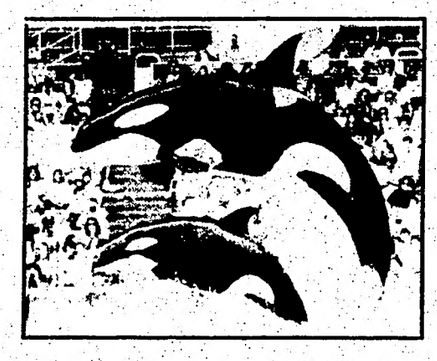

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Former Soviet air force colonel denounced Yeltsin as a Jew

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MOSCOW — At around noon on Sunday, Oct. 3, less than 24 hours before the Russian army stormed Russia's parliament building and crushed a brazen right-wing revolt, knots of fascists gathered in front of the red-brick Lenin Museum, just around the corner from the Kremlin and Red Square.

They were a motley lot — gruff, elderly men and their hard, younger confederates in black leather jackets, as well as matronly women wearing kerchiefs.

Under a bright, mid-autumn sun, some waved red Communist flags. One woman held aloft a cardboard banner of a crudely-drawn caricature of President Boris Yeltsin, his head adjacent to a small black Star of David.

Occasionally, loud arguments erupted between pro-Yeltsin and anti-Yeltsin figures. But generally, a certain civility prevailed.

Such gatherings were strictly forbidden and quite rare until a couple of years ago.

But after the failure of the August 1991 hardline Communist coup in Moscow, the seeds of democracy began to sprout in Moscow, and with it, the noxious weeds of fascism, the hateful ideology the Red Army had supposedly eradicated, at incredibly great expense, during World War II.

Accompanied by an interpreter, I waded into the crowd, hoping to solicit opinions from some of the more vocal fascists.

By chance, I talked to a person who identified himself as Vladimir Miloserdov, a former colonel in the Soviet air force, and an ardent supporter of the leaders of the anti-Yeltsin faction holed up at the White House, Aleksandr Rutskoi and Ruslan Khasbulatov.

A man in his late 50's or early 60s, Miloserdov said he headed the Russian party.

Without too much prompting, he denounced Yeltsin as a Jew, claiming his actual name was Baruch Yeltsman.

Miloserdov then claimed that the Russian foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, was not a "real Russian," but rather a Jew named Friedman. He ended by saying that Jews have more rights than Russians. When I asked him if he could fairly be described as a fascist, he said no.

As he spoke, sympathizers milling around us nodded their heads in assent.

Before I left, he and his acolytes posed for photographs, and pressed on me copies of their thin publication, *Ruskaya Gazetta (Russian Gazette)*.

My interpreter read it from cover to cover, and here, in brief, are the highlights:

•Bolshevik Zionists, under assumed Russian names, were responsible for the 1917 Communist revolution.

•Perestroika, which caused the demise of Communism, was invented by Zionists.

•The Stalinist terror, and World War II, were instigated by international Zionism.

•Zionists destroyed Russia's elite, and cosmopolitans with Russian names are now destroying Russia.

•Zionists control the mass media, and must be liquidated.

•The NKVD, the precursor of the KGB, was largely made up of Jews.

The accusations are depressingly familiar. Anti-Semites down through the decades have seized on them, with varying success, to defame Jews.

But with Russia teetering on the edge of civil war on this pleasant afternoon in Moscow, it was instructive to know that anti-Semitic diehards, such as Miloserdov, had sided with Rutskoi and company at the embattled White House, only a few blocks away from the Lenin Museum.

Later that day, as tension mounted, I tried to make my way to the White House, but to no avail. Armed policemen had cordoned off the entire area.

At about 5 o'clock, as Yeltsin declared a state of emergency in Moscow, I watched the unfolding events on Russian TV in a modest flat in Dynamo, a neighborhood approximately 10 kilometres from the White House.

Anti-Yeltsin demonstrators had already stormed the mayor's building, and footage showed broken glass and mass confusion.

Leonid Govzman, the Russian Jewish journalist who had agreed to meet me at the flat for an interview, slapped his knees in utter amazement as we learned that rebels were, at this very moment, trying to capture Moscow's central television station.

The TV news reader knew that something was amiss. As his face went blank with fear, he announced in a tremulous voice that he was going off the air.

At about 11 p.m., as armored vehicles rolled into Moscow to confront Rutskoi's forces at the White House, I heard three loud explosions.

On Monday morning, Oct. 4, tanks and soldiers positioned near the White House opened fire at the White House, engulfing the stately building in flames.

My driver drove me as close to the action as was possible. On several streets, I saw barricades, armored personnel carriers and numerous troops in camouflage and helmets toting Kalashnikov machineguns.

Apart from these signs of disruption, life seemed perfectly normal outside the battle zone around the White House. North Americans watching the historic events on CNN may have have assumed that all of Moscow was caught up in the drama. But nothing could have been further from the truth.

Everywhere else but in the vicinity of the White House, absolute calm reigned in Moscow.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, with Yeltsin's security forces having captured the White House, I walked toward a bridge spanning the Moscow River. Two tanks, one armored personnel carrier and a clutch of soldiers guarded it, preventing pedestrians from venturing any further.

But the White House, the top five floors blackened by flames, was clearly visible.

The following day, with tensions having eased considerably, I got a closer look at the White House from the Kalinsky bridge, where tanks had pounded the rebels.

From my vantage point, the blue glass skyscraper next to the White House, which the rebels had also occupied, appeared considerably damaged.

On the Kalinsky bridge, Moscovites with cameras took numerous pictures or just stared quietly in amazement.

On Novy Arbat Street, shop windows had been smashed and window blinds twisted into grotesque shapes.

Moscow — a rather cold, bleak and impersonal city — looked somewhat worse for wear in the aftermath of the failed putsch.

But one could take solace from the fact that the forces of reaction had been routed, at least for now.

Bill to ban non-kosher meat imports

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last Sunday attempted to defused the latest political crisis with the fervently Orthodox Shas party by ordering Justice Minister Yitzhak Liba'i to prepare a bill within two weeks banning the import of non-kosher meat.

Rabin's move has angered his one official coalition partner, Meretz. However, Meretz cabinet ministers Yossi Sarid and Yair Tsaban made it clear the party would not bring down the government over the issue.

Rabin's announcement came on the heels of last Friday's ruling by the High Court of Justice that allows importers to bring in non-kosher meat.

Shas, along with other religious parties, has been fuming over the court's decision, which said the government must immediately allow private importers to begin importing meat, even if it is non-kosher.

The ruling came in response to a petition by Meatreal Ltd., a meat producing and importing company which deals in non-kosher meat.

The court ruling drew fierce criticism from the religious parties, which fear privatization will make kashrut supervision difficult, thereby raising the price of kosher meat and causing more people to choose non-kosher products.

At present, all meat is imported by the government and all is kosher.

In August, the government suspended legislation forbidding the import of non-kosher meat. This decision was the subject of Meatreal's petition.

In its brief to the court, the government argued that both concern for the sensibilities of the religious population and coalition promises were legitimate considerations in making policy, and therefore the delay was legal.

Furthermore, it argued, it could hardly be breaking any law by maintaining what had been the status quo since the founding of the state.

However, Justices Theodor Orr, Mishael Cheshin and Dalia Dorner said in their ruling that the original status quo had been kept for economic reasons — the crucial importance of meat combined with the need for rationing — whereas today, the government has admitted that privatization is the right move economically.

In this case, Orr ruled, the import law's goal is economic — and economics now dictate privatization. The government's decision to wait until it passes legislation is also illegitimate, Orr wrote.

The religious reason, Orr continued, cannot counteract the economic considerations, because allowing the import of non-kosher meat in no way denies access to kosher meat. Instead, it infringes on the rights of the non-religious, he wrote.

"Israel is not a theocracy," wrote Cheshin in his concurring opinion, noting that both freedom of religion and freedom from religion are fundamental principles of Israeli law.

Since locally produced non-kosher meat is already sold here, Orr added, it is hard to see why the religious should object to imports.

Orr noted that if the government still wants to pass legislation barring the import of non-kosher meat, it can do so, but it would require the vote of an absolute majority of MKs.

The ruling irked Rabin, who needs the support of religious parties for his coalition government.

Lashing out at the courts, Rabin said, "Nobody is going to run this country except for the elected government."

Amending the legislation is seen as Rabin's one chance to overrule the High Court.

Political tensions rock the Israeli government

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Barely a month after reaching a historic agreement with the Palestinians, Yitzhak Rabin's Labor government is beset by political tensions that threaten its stability.

Mounting pressures from the fervently religious Shas party, the secularist Meretz bloc and members of his own Labor Party are combining to endanger the prime minister's Knesset majority.

Rabin's latest problems stem from two issues: a decision by the High Court of Justice last Friday voiding the government's administrative ban on the import of non-kosher meat, and the first reactions to the state budget bill, which is scheduled to be put to a vote this week.

The High Court decision, written by Justice Theodor Orr and adopted unanimously by a panel of three justices, held that the government's desire to assuage Shas' religious concerns about the import of non-kosher meat was not relevant to the legality of the administrative ban.

The government had already decided on a broad policy of privatization, the court said, and under that policy there is no real reason why non-kosher meat should not be allowed into the country. *[See story, p. 8]*

Shas recently removed itself from the governing coalition, following a High Court ruling that two of the party's leaders step down from their posts to face charges of financial misconduct.

The head of Shas' Knesset delegation, member Shlomo Benizri, declared over the weekend that a law barring the import of non-kosher meat was a "condition" for Shas' re-entry into the coalition.

But Meretz, Labor's left-wing and staunchly secularist coalition partner, says it will vigorously oppose such legislation.

Meretz cites the 1992 agreement under which the coalition was formed. The agreement stipulates that any religious legislation must have the approval of all coalition partners.

Meretz Knesset member Ran Cohen proposed that existing legislation on kashrut supervision be tightened up in order to assure the kosher-eating public that the liberalized import policy will not lead to mistakes or deliberate subterfuges in the sale of meat.

Meanwhile, adding to the prime minister's looming troubles, several of his own party members are voicing dissent over the state budget — especially in light of a mass wildcat strike of Israel Aircraft Industries [IAI] personnel that paralyzed the country's air routes last week.

IAI workers had called the Oct. 21 strike to protest planned cuts in the workforce aimed at streamlining the government-owned aerospace and weapons-manufacture company.

Labor Knesset member Ya'acov Shefi, a leader of the IAI union, found support from at least three other party colleagues Sunday in demanding that the Finance Ministry negotiate a solution with the IAI workers before it introduces the state budget in the Knesset on Wednesday.

The threat — implied rather than expressed — is that Shefi and his supporters might withhold their support in the budget vote.

In Israeli constitutional practice, the budget vote is tantamount to a vote of confidence in the government.

Labor floor managers in the Knesset were attempting to get this week's budget vote postponed. But a postponement would hardly provide a long-term solution to Rabin's parliamentary problems.

He is reluctant to rule with a minority coalition of 56, which would have to rely on the support of five Arab Knesset members to maintain a parliamentary majority.

Rabin has shown no sign of acceding to the Arab Knesset members' demands that he formally take them into his government.

The prime minister plainly wants Shas to return to the coalition but there is no indication yet whether it will do so.

One ray of light brightening Rabin's bleak domestic firmament came last week from an unexpected quarter when the veteran leader of the National Religious Party, Yosef Burg, called on his party to join the Labor-led coalition.

Speaking at a party forum and later to the media, Burg said the agreement with the PLO was "a bad agreement," but nevertheless "a fact," and the NRP should accept it as such and work from within the government to make the best of it.

According to NRP sources, Zorach Warhaftig, another party veteran, had spoken out in even more forceful words at the party forum against the NRP's alignment "with the forces of the extreme right."

Warhaftig, a signatory of Israel's Declaration of Independence who quit active politics more than a decade ago, has always been seen as a relative dove within the NRP.

But Burg, who served as a minister and party leader until the mid-1980s, was careful to straddle the fence between hawks and doves, concerned above all to hold the party together.

His public call for pragmatism, therefore, was seen by political observers as likely to trigger a stormy debate within the NRP, which has been tilting to the right in recent years.

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HELEN SUZMAN, Author of ***In No Uncertain Terms: A South African Memoir.*** From 1953 until 1989, as a member of the South African Parliament, Helen Suzman was the conscience of her nation. In the face of intimidation, hostility and antisemitism, she used the forum of Parliament brilliantly to bear witness to and challenge the policy of apartheid. **$12.50**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:30 A.M.
SHOSHANA ZOLTY, author of ***And All Your Children Shall be Learned***, conducts a seminar on **"Women and the Study of Torah in Jewish Law and History"**. Sponsored by Nishma and Emunah Women of Toronto. **Free**

10:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.
Phoebe Gilman, author of ***Something From Nothing***, will read and show illustrations from her book based on a beloved Yiddish Folktale.
For ages 5 - 8 **$1.00**

1:30 P.M.
PERETZ MIRANSKY MEMORIAL LECTURE featuring **ANITA NORICH**, author of ***The Homeless Imagination in the Fiction of Israel Joshua Singer***. Lecture in Yiddish. Sponsored by The Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Kultur Geselshaft. **$5.00**

4:00 P.M.
READINGS by contributors to ***Parchment 93-94***, Canada's national journal of creative Jewish writing. Featuring **SHEL KRAKOFSKY, SEYMOUR MAYNE, BARBARA NOVAK, KEN SHERMAN**. **Free**

5:00 P.M.
"IN THEIR OWN VOICES: JEWISH POETS READING FROM THEIR WORKS" ARCHIE ROTTENBERG, author of ***Child of Laughter and Other Frightening Sounds;*** **JANIS RAPOPORT**, author of ***Upon Her Fluent Route*** and **SHEL KRAKOFSKY**, author of ***Listening for Somersaults***. **Free**

8:00 P.M.

ABBA EBAN, Author of ***Personal Witness: Israel Through My Eyes***. Abba Eban, former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations and the United States is often called the "Voice of Israel." In his latest book, he offers insightful, often startling opinions of Zionism, the relationship between Arabs and Israelis and the Middle East peace process. **$12.50**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10:30 A.M.
Just Enough is Plenty, a Chanukah tale written by BARBARA DIAMOND GOLDIN. Performed by students of the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy Shearim Hebrew Day School as part of their "Literacy Through Drama" Program. Discussion follows. K - Grade 8. **Free**

1:30 P.M.
SHARON ABRON DRACHE, author of ***The Golden Ghetto***, will speak on **"She Doesn't Live There Anymore"**. **Free**

8:00 P.M.
ELLEN KREIDMAN, author of How ***Can We Light a Fire When the Kids Are Driving Us Crazy?*** will speak on **"Passion and Parenthood Can Go Hand In Hand"** and **JAY TEITEL**, author of ***From Here to Paternity: An Intimate View of a Father's Day***, will speak on **"Parenting: A Lifetime Every Day"**. Sponsored by Leo Baeck Parents' Association, U.S.D.S. Parents' Association, A.H.D.S Parents' Association & Bialik Hebrew Day School Parents' Association. **$5.00**

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SCHOOL PROGRAM
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1:30 P.M.
SARAH CHANA RADCLIFFE, author of ***Teen Esteem***, will speak on **"Self-Esteem for the Whole Family"**. Sponsored by the Country Shul and Jewish Family & Child Service. **Free**

8:00 P.M.
ED MIRVISH, author of ***How to Build an Empire on an Orange Crate***, will speak on **"121 Lessons I Never Learned in School"**. Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto - Ontario Region, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Women's League for Conservative Judaism - Ontario Branch and Jewish Students Federation of York University. **$5.00**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:30 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.
CAROL MATAS, acclaimed youth novelist and author of ***Lisa*** and ***Jesper***, talks with students about two of her new books: ***Daniel's Story***, published in conjunction with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial about the heroic struggle of a Jewish teenager to survive Nazi persecution.

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For students grades 6- 8 **Free**

8:00 P.M
ESTHER DELISLE, author of ***The Traitor and the Jew***, will speak on **"Anti-Semitism and the Delirium of Right-Wing Nationalism in French Canada 1929-39"**. Sponsored by the Jewish Book Committee at the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem & League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. **$5.00**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:30 .AM.
DR. BARRY SIMON, author of ***The Winning Weigh***, will speak on **"Seven Steps to Healthier Living"**. Sponsored by the Mary Cogan Women's Health Club, JCC. **Free**

1:30 P.M.
JOY FIELDING, author of ***Tell Me No Secrets***, will speak on **"The Secrets Women Keep"**. Sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section and Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. **Free**

8:00 P.M.
IVAN KALMAR, author of ***The Trotskys, Freuds and Woody Allens: Portrait of a Culture***, will speak on **"The Great Civilization of the Mixed-Up Jew"**. Sponsored by Toronto Women's ORT. **$5.00**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 P.M.
DAVID OLIVE, author of ***Genderbabble***, will speak on **"The Dumbest Things Men Ever Said About Women"**.
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

KIDS' PROGRAM

10:30 A.M.
RENELLE KUNTZ
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1:30 P.M.
Lecture to mark the opening of RESCUE & RESISTANCE
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Dr. Goldberger, Professor of Psychology at the University of New York, was one of the Jewish children rescued from Denmark. Sponsored by Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. **Free**

4:00 P.M.
ROBERT BRYM, co-editor of ***THE JEWS IN CANADA***, will lead a panel discussion on **"The Future of the Canadian-Jewish Community"** with the participation of **WILLIAM SHAFFIR, JAY BROADBAR** and **LEO DAVIDS**. Sponsored by the Label Basman Memorial Scholarship Fund and Secular Jewish Association. **Free**

5:00 P.M.
BOOK LAUNCHES WITH ANDRE STEIN, author of ***Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust*** & **ADA CRANIFORD**, author of ***Fiction and Fact in Mordecai Richler's Novels*** & **DAVID LEWIS STEIN**, author of **Going Downtown: Reflections on Urban Progress& RUTH FRAGER**, author of ***Sweatshop Strife: Class, Ethnicity & Gender in the Jewish Labour Movement***
Refreshments **Free**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 P.M.
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Eitan to run for PM's job

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rafael Eitan, the charismatic leader of the right-wing Tsomet Party, plans to run for prime minister, a move that could skew the race in Israel's first direct election for the post.

With Eitan's announcement last week, the campaign for prime minister has generated additional excitement.

The time-honored tradition of electing a government according to a system of proportional party strength was changed after years of criticism that such a system did not truly represent the popular choice.

In the next election, Israelis will vote directly for an individual, rather than a party slate, for the nation's top post.

The new system could lead to a situation in which the prime minister represents one party, while a different party holds a majority in the Knesset.

Eitan, popularly known as "Raful," is expected to present a serious challenge to Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu as the front-running rightist candidate for the premiership.

Tsomet also has resolved to establish its own youth movement, which, it says, will seek to inculcate the party's values and the love of the biblical Land of Israel in its young members.

These two developments, taken together, have created interest and speculation in the Israeli political community.

Many observers see Eitan's move as a reflection of widespread dissatisfaction on the right with Netanyahu's leadership in the wake of the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The next election, to be held by 1996 at latest, will take place under a newly legislated procedure involving two separate ballots: one for parties and one for prime ministerial candidates.

Eitan, a former chief of staff of the Israel Defense Force, entered politics in the mid-1980s through the nationalist Tehiya Party.

He soon quarreled with Tehiya's most prominent politician, Geula Cohen, and eventually seceded from the party.

His newly formed Tsomet party was the surprise of the 1992 election, winning eight seats and becoming the third-largest party in the Knesset.

Jerusalem bills pass in Knesset

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Knesset last week passed two bills in preliminary reading requiring the approval of at least 80 MKs — two-thirds of the house — for making any concessions on Jerusalem.

The vote was said to be a major embarrassment for the coalition. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had told a coalition meeting that defeating these bills was a crucial test for the government, and coalition whip Eli Dayan sent out a press release asserting that the bills would fail.

The vote was 36-33, with no abstentions. The opposition's victory was made possible by the Shas party's decision to support the bills.

However, the government will still have plenty of chances to kill them, since they must now pass through two votes in the law committee and two additional readings in the plenum.

And in theory, law committee chairman Dedi Zucker of the Meretz party could simply bury the bills in committee.

Opposition MK Yitzhak Levy and Uzi Landau of Likud, who sponsored the bills, noted that the government appears to have reneged on many of its campaign promises, such as no talks with the PLO and no concessions on the Golan.

As a result, they said, its promises on Jerusalem are also hard to believe.

"There is a consensus about Jerusalem among a large majority of the population," Levy said. "By this [bill], we will examine your true intentions [on the issue]."

Justice Minister David Liba'i, responding for the government, angrily disputed these statements, insisting that the government is committed to an undivided Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

"Despite the fact that Jerusalem is extremely important to the Palestinians, the government has forcefully maintained that it is not willing to compromise on Jerusalem," he said.

However, he then proceeded to object to the bills, particularly Landau's, on the grounds that they would tie the government's hands in the negotiations. Landau's bill includes a clause prohibiting negotiations on Jerusalem.

"Landau is trying in this way to torpedo the negotiations," Liba'i charged, saying such a limitation on the government's power is "absolutely unprecedented."

"[Furthermore], the bills create a dangerous precedent whereby the government can't manage the country's affairs with a simple majority," he added, saying that the requirement for an 80-MK majority damages the Knesset's sovereignty, since it enables a minority of MKs to defeat a bill.

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אַז עס קומען אין אַ געזעלשאַפט אָנגע-זעענע מענטשן, שטאָט-באַלעבאַטים, וויכטי-קע געזעלשאַפטלעכע טוערס, באַוואוסטע פערזענלעכקייטן, זאָגט מען: עס זיינען גע-קומען **די קאַרפנקעפּ**. אויסער דעם וואָס אַ קאַרפּ האָט אַ גרויסן קאָפּ, אַסאָציאירט זיך דאָס מיטן יידישן מינהג -- אַז מען מאַכט גע-פילטע פיש, גיט מען דעם ראש פון דער משפחה דעם קאָפּ פונעם קאַרפּ, ד"ה מען גיט אים אָפּ כבוד. עס זעט אויס ווי די פני וואָלט מכבד געווען מיט זיך די געזעלשאַפט, אָנגע-טאָן איר כבוד. דעריבער האָט דער אויסדרוק אין זיך אַ ביסל איראָניע, פאַלקס-איראָניע בנוגע די „העכער שטייענדיקע".

פאַראַן אַ פאַרשפרייטע מיינונג, אַז יידן ווייסן ווינציק וועגן בעלי-חיים. ס'וועלדט זיך וועגן וועלכע. היימישע בעלי-חיים ווייסן אַון „פאַרשטייען" יידן אויסגעצייכנט. נעמט, למשל, דעם אויסדרוק **אַ הונט מיט אויערן**. דאָס מיינט -- אַ הונט שבהונט. זיין גאַנצער הינטישער כאַראַקטער ליגט אין די אויערן.

אָדער לאָמיר נעמען דעם אויסדרוק **קעל-בערנע התפעלות**. וויפל חוש-הראיה ליגט אין דערין! גלייך דערזעסטו פאַר זיך דאָס קעלבל פון „מאָטל פייסי דעם חזנס יינגל". דאָרט האָט שלום-עליכם **געוויסע** אויסגעמאָלט אונדז **קעלבערנע התפעלות**.

היינט **ווי טרעפלעך** זיינען די אויסדרוקן **הינטישע שטיק, קעצישער מוח, ביבער-טערן, פערדישער קאָפּ!** אויף אַ נאַר זאָגט מען **נאָך אַ פערד**. פרעגט זיך, אַ פערד איז דאָך ניט קיין אייזל, וואָס אין אַ סך שפראַכן איז דער אייזל אַ סינאָנים פון אַ נאַר.

איצט גייט אַוועק אַ סדרה אויסדרוקן מיט ווי. אויב פיינט האָבן יענעם, איז **ווי אַ שפּין**. אויב ניט לייגן קיין אכט, איז **הערן ווי דעם געלן קאָטער**. (געלער -- צוליב קאָנקרעט-קייט). אויב איינער „דרייט" אין די רייד, איז **דרייט ער זיך ווי אַ שלייען**.

סאָפּען ווי אַ גאַנדז, פרירן ווי אַ פרייס, זיין טרייף ווי אַ חזיר, קוקן ווי אַ האָן אין בני-אָדם.

אַ נאַיווע, פרימיטיווע מיידל -- **אַ גאָטס בהמהלע**. אַ גראָבער יונג, וואָס קאָן זיך ניט צוזאַמען -- **אַ ווילדער אָקס**. אָן דעם אטריבו-טיוו **ווילדער** איז עס פשוט אַ נאַר, **אַן אָקס**.

די אויסדרוקן אַ מאָדנע חיה צי אַ ווילדע חיה קאָנען געזאָגט ווערן אויך ווייך, מיט ליבשאַפט צו אַן אייגענעם מענטשן. דעמאָלט **קלינגט חיה** ווי באַשעפענישׂ און גיט צו דעם אויסדרוק אינטימקייט.

אויסגעפוצט -- **אין פיקסן און אין האָזן**. צוזאַמען איבער גוואַלד -- **צוויי קעץ אין איין זאַק**. אַ קאָסאָקער -- **קוקט אויף די קאַטש-קעס און מיינט די גענדז**. אַ שטילע נשמה -- **טשעפעט ניט קיין פליג אויף דער וואַנט**. דורכן צוגעבן פון פאַרנט דעם פראָנאָם **יענער**, באַקומט אַ געוויינלעך וואָרט אַ נעגא-טיוון אינהאַלט. למשל: **ס'איז יענער העכט! אָדער יענץ פייגעלע! אָדער יענער חברה-מאַן! וועלכער יענער**, דאַרפט איר שוין אַליין זיך אָנשטויסן.

ניט פויגלדיק -- הייסט עס, ניט צום בעסטן, ווייט פון גוט. צ"ב **ניט פויגלדיקע** געשעפּטן.

אמת, אין די פאַרגעבראַכטע אידיאָמאַטישע אויסדרוקן פיגורירן ניט קיין טיגערס, לעמפערטן און לייבן, נאָר היימישע בעלי-חיים -- קעלבלעך, הינט, קעץ, אינסעקטן, שפינען אאַז"וו. אָבער דאָ פילט זיך אונדזער **ייִד ווי אַ פיש אין וואַסער**. די אידיאָמען שפרודלען מיט שאַרפזין און האָבן אָן אַ שיעור חן.

The News in Brief

War Crimes Witnesses Sought

OTTAWA — The war crimes investigation unit of the RCMP is seeking the assistance of witnesses to war crimes committed in Kosice, Slovakia (formerly Kassa, Hungary) during 1944. The crimes being investigated include the forcible confinement of Jews in the ghetto and the brick factory camp in Kosice/Kassa and their subsequent deportation to Auschwitz and/or other camps in the spring of 1944, as well as any other crimes committed againt the ghetto and brick factory camp populations.

The RCMP is also investigating the persecution on racial and political grounds of the town's population in the fall of 1944.

Anyone with direct knowledge of the brick factory, or the ghettos of Kosice/Kassa is asked to contact the RCMP by telephone (call collect) at (613) 993-0759 and ask for Const. Claude Morin or by writing to: The Commanding Officer, A Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 400 Cooper St., Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0R4, Attention: War Crimes and Special Investigations section.

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CJC Small Communities Conference

HALIFAX — More than 100 delegates are expected to attend a national Canadian Jewish Congress conference in Halifax from Nov. 5 to 7 focusing on "The Changing Role of Family Members in a Small Jewish Community." Sessions will take place at the Beth Israel and Shaar Shalom Congregations, as well as the Citadel Inn. Sponsored by the National Small Communities Committee (NSCC) of CJC, in conjunction with the CJC Status of Women Committee and the Atlantic Jewish Council, the symposium is being supported by the Federal Ministry of Multiculturalism and Citizenship. Delegates from a wide array of small communities across Canada are expected to attend. The purpose of the conference is to promote the exchange of ideas between Jews living in smaller, remote communities and to motivate them to assume leadership roles in their local regions. Those wishing to register as delegates should call Shellie Ettinger in Montreal at (514) 931-7531 or Jon Goldberg in Halifax at (902) 422-7491.

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Ernst & Young To Include Israel

NEW YORK — The chairman of Ernst & Young, one of the North America's leading accounting firms, has assured the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) that it will revise its international directory to include Israel. In a letter to Ernst & Young chairman Ray Groves, the ADL noted the absence of Israel in the firm's 1993 Worldwide Corporate Tax Guide and Directory, even though the firm does business in Israel. In his response, Groves wrote, "Ernst & Young's clients with operations in Israel are served by a number of Israel-based accounting firms," and he told the ADL that "Israel will be included in the 1994 Ernst & Young International Directory." Earlier this year, KPMG Peat Marwick, the world's largest accounting firm, which also does not list Israel in its global directory, pledged it will try to gain "formal representation" in the Jewish state.

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U.S. Policy Questioned

NEW YORK — For the first time, a major American Jewish leader has called for a "re-evaluation" of the policy that permits 40,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union to enter the United States as refugees each year. American Zionist Movement president Seymour Reich said recently that with the fall of communism and the end of state-supported anti-Semitism, it is "time to take another look" at the formula by which the U.S. admits Russian Jews as refugees. While acknowledging that the situation remains precarious for Jews in several former Soviet republics, Reich suggested that the need to emigrate because of religious persecution is no longer as pressing among Russian Jews. While the United States remains the only haven for many, Reich pointed out that "for Russian Jews, however, there is Israel."

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UN Members Praise Israel

UNITED NATIONS — The general debate portion of the 48th session of the United Nations General Assembly concluded earlier this month in a spirit of warmth towards Israel. During the debate's three weeks, 175 member states addressed the General Assembly. Nearly every speaker reflected favorably upon the new openness in the Middle East. The exceptions were the representatives from Libya, Syria, Iran and Lebanon. Most speakers congratulated Israel and the PLO on the peace accord. Belgium — speaking for the European Community — Argentina, the Ivory Coast, Oman and the Dominican Republic were particularly lavish in their praise. The speakers from Kenya and Austria, on the other hand, were harshly critical of the peace process.

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Haredim Move Over Green Line

JERUSALEM — One-hundred haredi families, most from Bnei Brak, have in the last three weeks moved into the new settlement of Kiryat Sefer in the Modi'in region just across the Green Line. Thirty families a week, most of them from the haredi community that looks to Rabbi Eliezer Schach for leadership, are scheduled to move into the settlement. Plans call for 1,100 families to move in by Passover. The settlement, which is planned to contain some 5,000 units, was built 1.5 km from the Green Line on state land and land bought from Arabs. The settlement was started well before Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took office, and most of the apartments there were far enough advanced in construction so as not to be affected by the "building freeze" he initiated. Even though most of the families who have already moved into Kiryat Sefer bought well before the accord with the PLO.

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Israeli Named to Interpol

TEL AVIV — Interpol, the international police network, has elected an Israeli to a position on its executive committee for the first time in the agency's history. The election is largely due to the support of the agency's Arab members, which comes following the new relations established between Israel and the PLO. Last week, Israeli Police Inspector General Rafi Peled formally announced that Deputy Commander Etty Yevnin had been elected to the post. Yevnin, who is head of international relations for the Israeli police, is not only the first Israeli member on Interpol's executive committee but also its first-ever female member.

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Sobibor Revolt Marked

JERUSALEM — The 50th anniversary of the revolt at the Sobibor extermination camp was marked recently at Yad Vashem in a modest ceremony attended by seven survivors. After the lighting of the eternal flame, Dov Fraiberg, spokesman for the survivors, told a group of high schoolers about the 250,000 Jews who were gassed at the camp during the 17 months he spent there as a "work-Jew." He also explained the genesis of the revolt: A Jewish Red Army officer taken prisoner by the Germans prepared the revolt. After killing a few German SS officers and Ukrainian guards, about 300 of the total of 600 work-Jews escaped from the camp. All those remaining in the camp were immediately killed. But most of the escapees were also killed in the minefields surrounding the camp and by the pursuing guards. Only about 36 survived to the end of the war.

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Liebmann Case Gets Go-Ahead

VANCOUVER — A Federal Court judge has turned down the request of government lawyers that she throw out a case brought by a Jewish navy reservist who challenged the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) policy that excluded Jews and Muslims from serving during the Gulf War. Judge Barbara Reed also accepted the application of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada to act as an intervenor in the case, said David Matas, counsel for the League. The court decision allows reservist Andrew Liebmann to challenge the constitutionality of the CAF policy. The League believes that excluding Jews and Muslims from active duty during the Gulf War was discriminatory. Liebmann's lawyer said he may call former defence minister Kim Campbell to testify.

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Coat of Many Colors Display

NEW YORK — A Coat of Many Colors: Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada, an exhibit comprising some 300 objects, will go on display at the Jewish Museum here from Oct. 23 through Jan. 2. The exhibit come to the museum after a successful nine-city tour of Canada and a showing in Tel Aviv at Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nachum Goldmann Museum of the Diaspora. The display is jointly organized by the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth and the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

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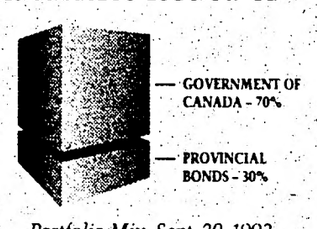

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sedrah we are confronted with two seemingly strange incidents that contradict the clear picture that the Torah paints for us regarding the personality and characteristic traits of Abraham our great patriarch.

Abraham is known as one who epitomizes the trait of chesed (kindness). The description of his welcoming guests at the beginning of this sedrah with the midrashi interpretations are incredible. If this be the case how do we explain his seeming cruelty to Ishmael his son and Hagar his wife? Ishmael was sick with a deathly fever yet he drove him away with Hagar (placing this 17- year-old lad on her shoulders) without any servants to help and without any real food or sustenance as if to say, "Get out of my house."

Then we have the account of Akeidas Yitzchak (the binding of Isaac). Abraham was willing to argue and importune the Almighty to save the wicked of Sodom, yet when he is told to kill his own son he utters not a word. This despite the fact that he could have presented good arguments, "Yesterday You told me that through Isaac I would build a nation; how is this possible if I kill him?"

The answer to both of these questions lies in Abraham's allegance to the word and will of God. Certainly as far as his own personal feelings were concerned it must have been enormously difficult for him to display such seeming cruelty. Yet, therein lies his greatness. If I am told or commanded by the Almighty to do something there is no room for my feelings or my logic. Sarah told Abraham to "drive out" Hagar the maidservant and her son, and Hashem told Abraham, "everything that Sarah tells you to do listen to her voice." Hashem tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, that's the end of it. My will, my thoughts, my logic are all nullified before the will of the Almighty.

Many times in life we are confronted with situations that are contrary to the Torah, to halachah, the Shulchan Aruch and so on. We make our own cheshbonos (calculations), we rationalize our actions, we find all sorts of excuses to defend our deviation from what God has commanded us to do. We are not here to qualify God's commands, to interpret them for our own convenience, to blend them to fit into our human fallible logic. We are here to carry out His wishes as soldiers who are bound to obey their military commander under penalty of death.

Do we really think we know better than Hashem? The great rabbi Yisraeil Salanter recounted the following parable to illustrate all of the above.

A king once sent one of his trusted advisors on a mission to another country. Before he left, the king warned him that under no circumstances should he enter into any wagers with any of the men in that country.

The advisor arrived at his destination, accomplished his mission, and was about to leave the presence of the king and courtiers of his host country when one of the men in the palace began laughing and pointing at him. "Why are you laughing at me?" enquired the advisor.

"Because you are a hunchback, and you look grotesque," was the response.

"You are out of your mind," said the advisor. "My back is as straight as an oak. Everyone can see that."

"I'll bet you a million dollars that you are a hunchback," said the man.

The advisor remembered the admonition of the king not to enter into any wager but figured that the king only meant when there is a chance of losing the bet. Certainly in this case he would win the bet as all would be able to determine very easily the truth and he would be able to bring the king a million dollars.

"Take off your clothes so we can see your back. If it is not hunched, you win."

He took off his clothes showing his straight physique and all agreed that he had won the prize.

Returning home in a happy mood the advisor informed the king of his good fortune. The king was furious. "I told you not to make any wagers under any circumstances. I made a bet with the king of that country for two million dollars that he would never be able to get you to strip the clothes from your back in front of the courtiers of the palace. You did not make a million dollars, you lost a million dollars!"

The lesson is clear. Let us hope that we can internalize it and adapt it to our lives.

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Religious sites may be off limits

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Under Palestinian self-rule, Jews may no longer be allowed to pray in the Cave of Machpela, but only be permitted to ascend to the seventh step on the outside wall, according to Israel Lippel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's representative in the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Lippel is to head a committee dealing with this and similar religious issues.

The committee, appointed by ministry Director-General Ze'ev Rosenberg, also includes the heads of the departments dealing with Muslims, Christians, and other religious minorities, such as Samaritans, as well as Israel Defence Forces officers in charge of religious affairs in the civil administration.

Lippel said the religious issues relating to autonomy have not been considered, but they are among the most sensitive.

Sensitive aspect of autonomy

He added that his ministry has asked experts from the Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office to join their deliberations.

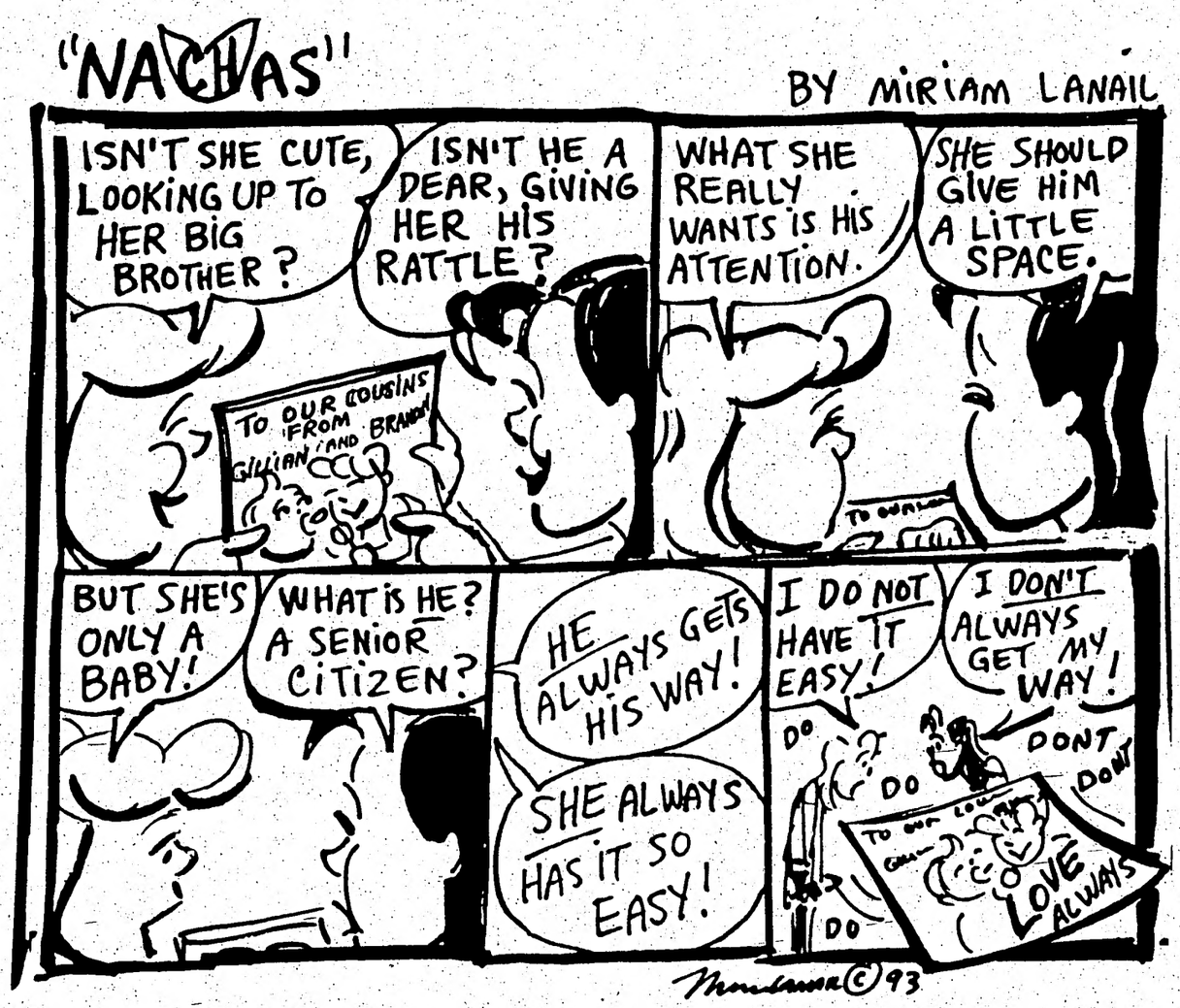
"So far, the religious questions have not been sufficiently aired, and they could be the most sensitive aspect of the autonomy," Lippel said.

One of these issues, he said, is the Cave of Machpela, the burial place of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah.

Although in earlier centuries, Muslims, for whom the site is also holy, had permitted Jews to pray in the shrine and even granted them jurisdiction there, Jews and Christians were prohibited from entering it in the 13th century.

During the following centuries, including during the British Mandate, Jews were only allowed to go up to the seventh step, where they could throw messages into a window.

It was only following the Six-Day War that Jews were again allowed to enter the structure and pray.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SHE ALWAYS HAS IT SO EASY!
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Front Line

Israel, PLO must ignore sceptics to implement plan

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Indifferent to the mind-boggling problems ahead, the timeclock of the Israel-PLO agreement is ticking and in approximately six weeks from now, the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and in Jericho ought to start managing their own affairs. Later and gradually, self-rule is to be extended to the rest of the West Bank and go on for nearly five years under the vigilant eye of a suspicious and hopeful Israel, whose security forces should guarantee the safety of Jewish settlements spread throughout the area. And if everything goes more or less according to hope and if additional understandings between Israel and its other neighbors will be reached, the parties to the century-old conflict are to experience the blessings of normal co-existence. Are these obtainable targets? Difficult to believe, but worth trying hard. To succeed, both sides must bury a number of dogmas — some of them cherished — and administer to their respective constituencies a full curriculum of psychological re-education.

It is unfair to blame or to ignore the many sceptics, whether genuinely incredulous or still unprepared to pay the price of accommodation. But it is senseless to side with the fierce opponents "at any cost" of what is an attempt to replace the untenable status quo by a scheme of practical, even if uneasy, co-existence. And in fact, the public gets increasingly impatient with their threats, with their messages of fear and panic. More Israelis are now disposed to listen to Rabin's call in the Knesset when he asked the nation "to allow the sun to rise" and to give opportunity a chance.

For the sun to rise over the Mideastern skies, the region must be saturated by an overdose of optimism, a commodity in very short supply in these places. This is a basic necessity. Only optimism can help overcome prejudices and generate confidence on both sides. But it must be administered with care, since exaggerated euphoria could well result in depressing anticlimax or worse. Israel's government is stunning its citizens by showing unusual flexibility in the handling of the numerous obstacles which, like hidden explosives on a road, are threatening to blow up the untested peace vehicle. The PLO leadership, or what has become of it, has enormous difficulties to confront its own enemies in the territories and is therefore escalating its demands for concessions. This was to be expected.

Yeshayahu Anug

Both sides are in a hurry to prove to themselves that their mutual committment is not a mirage but a plausible effort, which might indeed succeed. The new relationship between them is a sight difficult to digest, but so are heavy meals for whoever lived for a long time on a strict diet. Another difficult digestive problem for Israelis is the prospect of a parallel deal with Syria on the harsh terms that are available at present. Rabin is understandably inclined to postpone a public opinion reaction to movement on the Golan issue, so soon after the handshake in Washington. But circumstances may force him to yield; the agreement with the PLO could come to nothing without Syrian acquiescence or at least, neutrality.

By mid-October the diplomatic activity in the Middle East was literally feverish. In Taba, Tunis and in Cairo high level Israeli and PLO teams met to decide how to go about their differences. Behind the friendly handshakes before TV cameras not much was accomplished in practical terms, but progress was made despite the discovery that the PLO was so far unequipped for speedy decision-making. A display of mutual goodwill helped to bridge the gaps between contrasting hopes and perceptions.

One irony of these days is that of all the bleeding post-cold-war flare-ups, whether in Bosnia or in Somalia, in Haiti or in the fragmented former Soviet empire, the Middle East of all places is now seen as the only area of promise. Another feature that cannot be overlooked, is that the once undisputed world role of the United States has been severely weakened. No wonder therefore that the Clinton administration is eager to intensify its own role in the Mideastern peace process, a role which was somewhat obscured by the fact that the Israel-PLO agreement had been reached with practically no U.S. assistance.

In early November the Secretary of State is expected in the region and his evident priority will be to try and break the ice between Israel and Syria. If the outcome of the efforts (and of less reported ones now presumably under way) will produce another handshake — this time between Rabin and Assad — then the peace process in the Middle East will have overcome its trickiest hurdle and move into higher gear.

Meanwhile Israel 's leadership, dominated by the holding harmony between Rabin and Peres, is adjusting well to the requirements of the developing situation. But their government, which senses the growing support of public opinion, is still leaning on a narrow margin in the Knesset. Some observers of the political scene speculate that the government may be tempted to try to enlarge its parliamentary strength by calling for elections sooner than the mandatory date in 1996. This makes some sense, bearing in mind that the political costs of the once started implementation of the agreement with the Palestinians, not to speak of the price of a possible settlement with Syria will rise in the coming months. But elections are not the only hope to increase the government's parliamentary support. A prior realignment of the country's political structure is not to be expected. The severe cracks in the Likud are threatening the uniformity of that party's political line and could produce unexpected results. Nor has the religious sector said its last word.

It is very difficult for the man in the street here to keep pace with the events which try to persuade him, that his life could indeed change as a result of the spectacular breakthrough. He was not prepared to watch on his TV screen the human face of his enemies and is now told that only by recognizing their rights will we have secured his. He is still not convinced that the change of mind which he is encouraged to experience will be matched by the other side. But his basic yearning for peace helps him to adjust to the idea. A visitor to this country will notice a new atmosphere of watchful serenity, wrongly mistaken for euphoria. The government, satisfied with the general response of the public to its sudden change of policy, is not encouraging exaggerated expectations. It knows and the public knows that accommodation with the Arab environment will be neither rapid nor complete, but that it must be seriously attempted.

A concluding thought: Without the ability to consciously defy harsh realities, Zionism would have failed throughout. Now, with its place amongst the nations secured and in a changing world, Israel feels strong enough to recognize the limits of power and can afford to turn a page.

Abandoning Judea, Samaria poses strategic problems

By YEHUDA POCH

I have just returned from a summer internship in Israel, during the course of which I had the opportunity to tour extensively the areas of Judea and Samaria. I will attempt here to put all purely political considerations aside, and speak just from what I saw on these tours.

The areas of Judea and Samaria contain mountainous terrain. These mountains, better known as the Judean Hills, rise from the coastal plain along the Mediterranean coast, to heights of 3,000-5,000 feet. Beyond them, there is a narrow valley, and another range of mountains which are slightly lower in altitude. And beyond these is the Jordan River valley, containing the lowest geographical point on Earth, the Dead Sea.

The coastal plain, on the coast, varies in width from 15-18 miles in the portion south of Tel Aviv, to a width of only seven miles in the area of Netanya, roughly 45 miles north of Tel Aviv. The mountainous regions of Judea and Samaria are anywhere from 30 to 50 miles wide, and make up the vast majority of Israel's current territorial width.

It is not lost on many people that the recently concluded agreement between Israel and the PLO will eventually lead to the creation of a Palestine state, fully independent in the areas of Judea and Samaria. While this agreement is certainly welcome news in the world of neighborly relations, promising that peace may at last be around the corner for the Jewish people and the Jewish state, it causes strategic nightmares for planners from the United States Defense Department and throughout the Western world.

These hills provide Israel with the only strategic security it currently has. The argument that in today's age of missiles a little extra land is meaningless, is totally backward. Rather in today's age of missiles, a proper defense means early warning and detection. This early warning is provided by radar installations on the heights of the Judean and Samarian mountains. I toured a number of such installations, and they are by no means meaningless. It is to their credit alone that Israel managed to have 10 minutes warning of scud attacks during the Gulf War. Repositioning these installations on the coastal plain eliminates any detection of activity on the other side of the mountains.

Currently, Israel holds the strategic high ground. Climbing 6,000-7,000 feet from the Jordan River to the heights of Samaria is too difficult for most invading forces to accomplish, especially if tanks are involved. But bringing such heavy force down from the mountains is almost too easy. A ground attack launched from the mountains on Tel Aviv or Netanya or Haifa could be concluded in a matter of four-five hours. And again early detection is nearly impossible with the geographic barrier provided by the mountains themselves.

There is a third issue involved in this strategic equation. The United States maintains its sizeable Sixth Fleet just outside the limit of Israel's territorial waters in the Mediterranean. For repairs, they dock in Haifa harbor. At their cruising grounds, or in Haifa harbor, these American ships come under direct threat from mobile and shoulder-launched missiles in the mountains. Even a completely de-militarized Palestinian state, even with Israeli monitoring of such demilitarization, cannot totally ensure that one lunatic cannot get a missile into the mountains and blow up an aircraft carrier in Haifa harbor. The death toll in both American and Israeli life, plus the damage to American armed force and prestige, would be too harsh to risk. And there are plenty of Palestinians in the Middle East who would be all too willing to see such an act succeed. They belong to Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and those factions of the PLO who recently broke away from Arafat in reaction to the agreement. Arafat cannot control these elements, and they pose the largest threat to Israel, and the western world. If the PLO succeeds in setting up a state in Judea and Samaria, for which this agreement lays the groundwork, and this is done before these subversive elements are eliminated, the strategic danger is just too great a risk — political considerations aside.

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Bedouins object to treatment of female circumcision

By DIANNA M. CAHN

(Israeli actress Ruby Porat-Shuval says she has been threatened by Bedouin men who object to the centrality of female circumcision in her play, Naomi. She wrote the one-woman show after seven years of research among the Negev Bedouin and hopes to perform it abroad in English.)

Ruby Porat-Shuval experienced a lot more than stage fright when she first began performing *Naomi*, her one-woman show about the lives of the Bedouin.

The social worker-turned-actress was terrified for her safety.

Take out references to female circumcision or we'll take down the play, Bedouin men threatened before it opened at the TheaterNetto Festival in Mixed Arab-Jewish city of Acre last year. It won first prize.

"They want to preserve the myth of the romantic Bedouin," Porat-Shuval says. "They deny these things happen."

At first, she says, Bedouin men tried to persuade her, offering to send two authentic Bedouin to "host the right way" on stage if she took out the circumcision references.

When Porat-Shuval refused, the requests turned into demands, then into threats.

"In the beginning, I was terrified," says the actress. "I cried a lot. I would get telephone calls telling me to be careful. They would say, 'Remember, you have a family.' It was a very difficult period, but I have learned to live with the fear."

The character Naomi, in her "traveling museum," chronicles her struggle for identity. She has escaped the confines of her tribe to attend university, only to return to the desert alone, where she sells her personal history for a tourist's dollar.

Adorned in traditional Bedouin clothing, she entertains her guests with coffee, pita, and stories from her past which she imparts with a relentless sense of dramatic humor.

The Bedouin woman, Porat-Shuval says, always wears a face covering for modesty. Porat-Shuval puts it up to her face for a dramatic touch.

The razor blade is why Naomi ran away. The tradition of purification of women is part of the Bedouin culture. The female circumcision ritual is still practised, she says.

"It is the cry of one who cannot cry out," says Porat-Shuval of the play she wrote after seven years of research among Israeli Bedouin.

"In reality, they [the women] cannot run away. Anyone who would try that would pay with their lives."

Offstage, Porat-Shuval hardly resembles a Bedouin woman. The dynamic sabra, with light red hair smoothed back in a ponytail and a black tank top and khaki shorts which show off her figure, is the picture of the modern Tel Avivian.

On the subject of female circumcisions, she says at first that she "cannot find the words," but quickly does.

"I was not equipped with the tools to describe this. It is like murdering the soul of a person or leaving the dead outside the grave. It is worse than rape, worse even than murder. This complete rule by the world of men over women — I just don't have words that are strong enough."

The men tell the women that this is the only way to become pure, Porat-Shuval says. Beforehand, a woman is considered impure, like a pig, and is not even allowed to cook for the men. Afterward, she has a scar and can no longer enjoy sexual intercourse.

Despite the huge cultural gap, the actress identifies with her creation. "If I peel back all the layers," Porat-Shuval says, "she is me."

The creation of Naomi came about almost by accident. After 10 years of studying and a career in social work, Porat-Shuval started acting school.

"I guess I always wanted to be an actress, but I felt that I had to contribute to society. At some point, I felt it was time to do something for me."

Her final project in acting school was on coexistence. Her teacher took the students to the Jewish/Arab village of Neveh Shalom, where Porat-Shuval met a Bedouin woman who arrived with her brother for a seminar on co-existence.

Porat-Shuval sat down next to her. Though the woman barely spoke, the actress invited herself to visit her, and met her family. Thus began a seven-year relationship between Porat-Shuval and the Negev Bedouin.

At first, it was curiosity. Porat-Shuval, who was acting in other productions, had no inkling that she would write a script. Fascination with the society, along with her background in social work, propelled her to periodically visit her Bedouin friends, collecting information and documenting each visit.

"It was my report, like when I was a social worker."

She continued doing this for years, studying their customs and traditions, such as making pita, and learning their songs. One day, a woman in the clan told Porat-Shuval: "With us, it is both the boys and the girls."

The woman said that because her mother was old, she began to cook at a young age. She therefore had to be circumcised when she was younger than 15 or 16, which Porat-Shuval says is the traditional age.

Porat-Shuval brought the script to Israeli director Zecharia Tuby, winning him over by performing a 20-minute monologue from the play.

She turned to playwright Yoni Lahav to help her with the text.

"All of a sudden, I had a play," she says. "And I was performing alone. The only thing I wanted was for something to happen to me so I wouldn't have to go to Acre."

Porat-Shuval has already set up her next series of challenges. She has written an outline for a new play, also dealing with a woman's struggle to assert herself, and she is working on an English version of *Naomi* which she hopes to take abroad.

It may be a long run. Porat-Shuval says she will continue to perform *Naomi* "until the audience stops coming."

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Yasher Koach Jays!

It's only a game, to be sure. But the celebration and the euphoria which it brought last week to the City of Toronto, and indeed to many parts of Canada, were too remarkable and too rare to go without comment in this space.

Within moments after the heart-stopping, last inning victory over the worthy Phillies, hundreds of thousands of thankful Blue Jay fans poured onto the streets of Metro Toronto to mill about, garrulous, goofy and united, in a massive demonstration of happy, but noisy, sports solidarity. And the early morning afterglow carried over to the equally massive parade and rally only hours later.

For the first time in fifteen years, a team has successfully defended its World Series crown. In the modern world of major league baseball, this is a difficult achievement. Baseball has become yet another arena of aggressive business "ethics," of high stakes collective bargaining, vast discrepancies in employee salaries, free agency, diminished reciprocal loyalties, and constant player movement. Modern baseball militates against repeater champions, let alone dynasties.

And championship is no accident. The baseball season is a gruelling, fatiguing grind of bumps, aches, athletics and travel from before Pesach to after Sukkot! After some 30 games in spring training, 162 games during the regular schedule, and a final 12 games in postseason, it winnows and separates the very best from among all the other teams.

That the Toronto Blue Jays were able to repeat as champions is a tribute to their organization. One individual among the many in the organization who deserve wide public recognition is its on-field manager: Cito Gaston.

Has there ever been a manager in the history of the game for whom persistent success has served so poorly as a shield against useless, yammering criticism? Despite his unparalleled record of success over the past five years, his local detractors, inexplicably, have always preferred to dwell on his perceived "flaws" rather than to concede his acknowledged strengths.

And the strength most admired by his employers, his peers, and his players is his deep respect for and uniformly fair treatment of other human beings. His loyalty to his players and concern for their self-esteem are widely known. In truth, these are the universal characteristics of effective leadership not merely restricted to the baseball clubhouse or diamond. At its core is the irrefutable logic that people respond in a manner commensurate with the treatment that they receive.

This is a logic we should all follow. And we could take a lesson from the World Champion Toronto Blue Jays.

Boycott continues

News about the political and social transformation in the Israel-Palestinian imbroglio has, apparently, not yet reached the heart of the Arab world, judging from the increasingly omininous reverberations of the Arab League Boycott Office meeting in Damascus recently.

The Arab boycott of Israel, now 43 years old, was begun in 1950 as an attempt to destroy the Jewish state economically by preventing the free flow of goods to and from Israel. In the four decades of the strangulation exercise the Arab League has blacklisted 10,000 companies in a primary, secondary and tertiary boycott effort.

The recent signing of an accord between Israel and the PLO has had no effect on the zealots of the boycott office — Syria, Iraq and Libya — who have been impervious to the urgings of the more liberal Arab regimes and the efforts of the Clinton administration. Even Saudi Arabia, a country which has had in recent times occasional spasms of lucidity in its foreign policy, is afraid to rock the boat on the boycott issue.

The rejectionist states mentioned above refuse to lift the boycott, they say, while Israel maintains a nuclear arsenal and an occupation presence in Gaza, the Golan Heights, the West Bank and Lebanon.

The plight of the Palestinians was supposed to be at the heart of the Middle East dilemma. Now that that plight is being addressed, one might expect conciliatory moves on the part of Arab states. As far as the boycott is concerned, however, none have been forthcoming because the ante has now been raised.

Meanwhile Israel is forging ahead with its proposed accord with the PLO, choosing to ignore the ignominy of the boycott which, according to Harry Wall, director of the Israeli office of the Anti-Defamation League, "is the most tangible symbol of the refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist and which is incompatible with the peace process."

Israel's rationale is obvious: progress and normalization of relations with the Palestinians will eventually cause the boycott to collapse. Whether this is creative political manoeuvering or wishful thinking, only time will tell.

FUN EXTRAVAGANZA

Between 4,000-5,000 English-speaking new immigrants to Israel gathered last month at the Wingate Institute near Netanya for a day of festivities. The event was jointly organized by The Jerusalem Post and the five Western immigrant associations in Israel, including the British Olim Society and The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. Attractions included a tug-of-war competition, free massages, a country fair, a giant picnic and sports activities. Here a Canadian-Israeli mothere and daughter are having fun with face make-up. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

ADVICE FOR RABBIS

American Rabbis, no matter how eminent, do not have the right to advise the prime minister of Israel on security matters (Accord troubles rabbi Oct. 14).

It is obviously much easier to advocate a policy of not returning any land from the safety of Yeshiva University in New York or Young Israel Congregation in Staten Island, than while struggling to administer the territories.

The right to advise the prime minister of Israel on these matters should be reserved exclusively for those who put their lives on the line serving in the Israeli Defence Forces and their families. If these rabbis want to participate in the shaping of the destiny of the state of Israel, they should go and live there and participate fully: that is, have their sons and daughters serve in the Israeli Defence Forces.

Edna W. Magder
Toronto

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WHY PAY FOR TIME OFF?

I find it difficult to understand why the three Jewish teachers mentioned in your Oct. 14 article Yom Kippur case goes to High Court feel that their employer should pay them for not working. What ever happened to the maxim "an honest day's pay for an honest day's work?" If they haven't worked the day, why should the school board pay them for it?

Why can't the teachers work out an alternative way of taking time off? I have worked for private sector companies for over 15 years, and I have never expected my employer to pay me when I have taken days off for the Jewish holidays. I have either taken the time out of my vacation entitlement, or worked overtime and then used the time as "equivalent time off."

Your article mentioned that the school board had instituted a practice of allowing three paid days per year for "personal reasons" that could have been used for the Jewish holidays. I assume this applied to all teachers in the board's jurisdiction; why was this dropped? This seems the fairest to me, in that it applies to all teachers, be they Jewish, Muslim, Greek, Orthodox, or Catholic.

Michael Kinrys
Toronto

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LASTMAN VS. MIRVISH

On Oct. 14 in the presence of hundreds of people at the Chamber of Commerce Award Dinner, Mayor Mel Lastman made a remark that Ed Mirvish's Princess of Wales Theatre is "nothing" compared to North York's Performing Arts Centre." I attended the award dinner with fellow employees, friends and business associates. Mirvish paid for tickets in support of this dinner and the work of the North York Chamber of Commerce.

As a resident of North York for a quarter of a century and an employee and friend of the Mirvish's for 35 years, I was embarrassed by the mayor's remarks which lacked taste, class and tact. And I might add others that I was with were quite shocked.

As mayor of North York you should be delivering congratulatory remarks about a man who built a theatre during these times without any government subsidy whatsoever.

Mirvish's vast contributions to our city, province and country are well known and respected.

Mirvish would never stoop to making a remark like you have made.

Russell Lazar
General Manager
Honest Ed's

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ONE DAY OR TWO

In your picture regarding Ha Kafot in the park, you make mention that in Israel Simchat Torah and Atzeret are combined into one day as opposed to two outside Israel. I would suggest that this was a mistake in describing the celebrations in the Kibbutz Galut. As I'm sure many are aware, the holiday is also combined for the Reform Jewish community. We follow the holiday cycle as it is both in the Torah and celebrated in Israel.

It should be noted by all readers that Reform Judaism does not lessen the celebration of the chag, but merely celebrates in a different fashion.

Ira H. Schweitzer
Director of Education
Temple Sinai

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JEWS OF VIENNA

A young Austrian social scientist is currently conducting research into the destiny of those 13,000 Jewish inhabitants of the 3rd district in Vienna who were victims of the Holocaust. The results of this research undertaken on behalf of the district administration of Vienna is to be eventually presented to the public in an exhibition.

The Embassy of Austria in Canada would ask anyone able to make a contribution to this effort to get in touch with Mr. Peter E. Waldmann, 11 Dalegarth, Hurst Pk. Ave. Cambridge CB4 2AG, U.K.

Walther Lichem
Austrian Ambassador
Ottawa

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DEATH TRAIN SURVIVORS

The undersigned was one of the 2,500 persons who were in the death train from Bergen-Belsen to Theresienstadt and liberated on 23/4/1945 by the Red Army in Trobitz-Niederlausitz, Germany.

To commemorate the fiftieth year of the liberation in 1995 we are planning to make an organized visit to the memorial in Bergen-Belsen, to the small Jewish cemetery and to the mass graves of our brothers and sisters who we had to leave there, after our liberation in 1945.

I need the names of all the people from this train who are still alive.

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Opinion

Jews have captured fair share of Nobel Prizes

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

This is another of my columns which brings together a variety of subjects. They range from Nobel Prize winners to Kishon capers.

Nobel Prize Winners

The Nobel Prize was instituted in 1901 in memory of the Swedish industrialist, Alfred Nobel. Not counting 1993, there have altogether been 620 men and women who have been laureates in the fields which the prize covers: chemistry, physics, medicine, literature, peace and economics.

How do Jewish winners fit into this roster? If we were to go by our population in the world — which is about one third of one percent — we should come out with 2 laureates. But instead of that, the astounding number has been more than 100. The first Jew to be honored was Adolph Baeyer, a chemist, who won in 1905; and the next year another chemist, Henri Moissan, was awarded the laurels. Baeyer (1835-1917) was born in Berlin, and his mother was the daughter of J. D. Hitzig, a prominent historian. In 1885 the German government made him a nobleman. Moissan (1852-1907) was born in Paris. He received the award for investigating and isolating the element fluorine.

Having spoken of these two men and the hundred others as Jews, I must confess that I have no record how many of them really acknowledged their identity in public and identified themselves with our people. The two I have mentioned were the sons of Jewish mothers and Christian fathers. There are no doubt a good many others in this agglomeration of celebrities — but then, there are also those who are or were true children of Israel, amongst them S. Y. Agnon, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Menachem Begin, Elias Caletti and of course, Elie Wiesel.

Rabbi Plaut

Parchment

I am happy to note that a new publication concerned with Jewish literature in Canada is now in circulation. Entitled *Parchment*, it is an annual of contemporary Canadian Jewish writing. The first issue appeared a year ago and the second was just published. The editor is Shel Krakofsky, a London, Ontario resident who has been active in the Jewish community. *Parchment* will be featured at the forthcoming book fair in Toronto on Nov. 14.

Judging by the benign neglect with which Canadian Jews treat matters of Jewish letters, this seems to be another effort to stem the erosion of Jewish literacy. *The Canadian Jewish News* includes a literary supplement four times a year, but I suspect that only a minority of readers ever savor its offerings. Too bad, because it contains much that is worth keeping, perusing and thinking about. Meanwhile, I remember the wise saying of Matthew Arnold, who reminded us that it is the few who move society forward, because they act with dedication and conviction.

Wilson Head

I note with sadness the death of my friend and colleague, Wilson Head, who died recently, after a long illness. Professor at York University, he belonged to the early black activists in Canada who brought a visible minority into the vortex of attention. He helped to found the Urban Alliance for Race Relations, and for many years he advanced the struggle for racial equality in Canada. Level-headed, thoughtful, and determined to make ours a better society, he succeeded in raising Canadian sensitivities and giving us all a vision of mutual respect as a foundation for a better society. He will be sorely missed.

Kishon Capers

I read that Ephraim Kishon, who is Israel's most widely read writer, is in trouble. As many readers will know, Kishon is a wonderful humorist, whose trenchant tales and images have made him an international celebrity.

But since he has acquired a house and business office in Switzerland he has come under criticism in Israel and has been accused of being a yored — the derogatory term for one who has left Israel to take up residence outside of the country.

As one of Kishon's aficionados, I was interested in what he had to say to his detractors.

He wrote:

"Israel is my home. I travel a lot because my work requires it of me, but Israel is my only home."

He then goes on to say that he was offered a Swiss passport and citizenship, a courtesy very rarely extended to foreigners. Though he declined, he was allowed to buy a house in the Swiss Alps. "I pay more Israeli taxes than all of my critics combined," he contends. "What do they want from me"?

Amongst those who have *not* complained about Kishon's lifestyle and location is El Al, which considers him its very best customer. He uses the airline at least 20 times a year.

Which reminds me: How many of my readers will join me and use it at least once this coming season?

Old Jewish problems disappear as new ones appear

By S. ZALMAN ABRAMOV

At the time of the birth of modern Zionism, the "Jewish problem" was a central theme on the world Jewish agenda.

There were different opinions as to the root of the problem. The Zionist response stressed homelessness, and advocated the creation of a home in a defined territory.

Now, with the approaching centennial of the first Zionist congress, it is appropriate to inquire whether the "Jewish problem" which faced the founding fathers is still a problem. The answer must be no. Jews are no longer homeless: their independent state is an established fact, and although beset by problems, its progress is constant, and its raison d'etre, the ingathering of exiles, continues unabated.

A major transformation has also taken place in the Diaspora. The centre of gravity moved from Europe to America, affluence supplanted poverty and equality replaced discrimination. It would seem that, for the first time in centuries, Jews live without a Jewish problem. This, however, is not the case. The old problem was superseded by a new one, no less serious.

Now, the viability of the Diaspora is in question. Herzl believed that a Jewish state would result in a mass exodus to the homeland, while those remaining would assimilate. There was indeed an exodus, but many of those remaining — and they are still the majority of the Jewish people — endeavor to preserve their identity.

Ahad Ha'am contended that a Jewish centre in Palestine would invigorate the Diaspora. It did so, creating a focus of identity and solidarity; but it failed to arrest what many consider to be an irreversible process of erosion.

The near-zero birthrate, the 52 percent intermarriage rate, and the massive drifting away from anything Jewish are truly alarming. The Diaspora has become an aging community, declining in numbers and in the intensity of its Jewish commitment. Its leadership is aware of this gloomy predicament, but is at a loss to formulate a solution to the new "Jewish Problem," one that has a direct and grave bearing on Israel.

The uniqueness of the Zionist movement was its ability to identify the Jewish problem, to devise a solution and to create an instrument — the World Zionist Organization/Jewish Agency (WZO-JA) — to implement it. It is incumbent upon this movement, in close collaboration with the Diaspora leadership, to devise a program of action to contain, if not reverse, what now appears to be an irresistible process of erosion.

To grapple with the new "Jewish problem," a Diaspora-Israel partnership is called for, institutionalized in a transformed Jewish Agency that would focus on the survival of the Diaspora. There is an awareness in the Diaspora that without elements that only Israel can make available for a project of this magnitude, their own efforts will have limited effect. Such a transformation will entail radical restructuring of the WZO-JA, and an equally radical reordering of resources.

In the past 50 years, the Diaspora has performed in a most exemplary manner to assist in the emergence of Israel. Now, Israel must take the lead in confronting the "Jewish problem" of today.

(The writer, a former deputy speaker of the Knesset, is an attorney.)

Likud's alternative peace plan questionable at best

By ALON BEN-MEIR

Following weeks of onslaught accusing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of trying to make peace with charlatans who will do anything to gain their "real" objective: the eventual destruction of Israel, Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu finally has come up with a plan of his own.

Netanyahu's plan, to be introduced to Likud's central committee on October 19, is presumably designed to "rectify the blunders" inherent in the Israeli-PLO agreement in three different areas:

First, Netanyahu insists that a Palestinian state that poses a mortal danger to Israel will certainly result from the current agreement. Although a Palestinian state may eventually emerge, Netanyahu has not, even once, explained how a mini-demilitarized Palestinian state could constitute such a mortal danger in the face of Israel's military might.

A Palestinian state is not the horse that was presented by the Greeks as a gift to the Trojans for the devious purpose of hiding Greek troops of superior strength to overwhelm the city. On the contrary, maintaining indefinite control over a restive population will turn the entire West Bank into a Trojan Horse.

Rabin did not replace caution with the euphoria of peace. He knows and said that even under the best conditions of peaceful co-existence, Israel's military power remains the ultimate guarantor. The Palestinians are not foolish enough to sacrifice a state which they will have gained after so much toil and blood for a reckless adventure against Israel.

Second, Netanyahu charges that the agreement will lead to the abandonment of the settlements. There is no doubt that some of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank will have to be removed or relocated. But then, it was the Likud government that had embarked upon the building of dozens of "political" settlements in densely populated Arab areas to "create facts on the ground" with no strategic or security value. Netanyahu's plan will presumably ensure that no Israeli settlements will be dismantled. This again is certainly not a recipe for co-existence but for continued strife with no end in sight.

Third, Netanyahu accuses the Rabin government of having imperiled the future of Jerusalem in its haste to make a deal. There is nothing in the agreement that would necessarily endanger the future of Jerusalem. All leading Israeli government officials insist that Jerusalem will remain a united city as Israel's capital. In fact, most Palestinian leaders also support the concept of a united city. Within this framework, however, Palestinian rights in the city must be acknowledged. Some speak of extraterritoriality, others suggest a solution fashioned after the Vatican, and yet others speak of shared municipality. Whatever the solution, even Netanyahu must agree that the Palestinians have legitimate rights in the city which has served as a macrocosm of Israeli-Palestinian co-existence over the past 27 years.

To correct the "evils" of the Rabin-Arafat agreement, Netanyahu's plan calls for creating several areas of Palestinian self-rule without any territorial continuity between them, leaving the Jordan river as Israel's political and security border. Thus, the Israeli security zone, according to the plan, will include all of the Jordan Valley and the region north of the Dead Sea surrounding Jerusalem on all sides. Under the plan, Israel will retain control over united Jerusalem as its indivisible capital.

Netanyahu's reminds me of this one fellow's plan to resolve the world's problems by taking half of the wealth of the rich people and giving it to the poor. When he was asked by a friend awhile later about his progress, he cheerfully responded, "I am half way done . . . I have convinced the poor people to accept."

What makes Netanyahu believe that his plan would ever be remotely acceptable to the Palestinians remain a puzzlement. It is possible that under severe pressure exerted by Israel and the United States the Palestinians may settle for less than their minimal aspirations. But, for how long could such an agreement endure? If this generation of Palestinians is forced to accept a humiliating settlement, the next generation will rise in violent defiance again and again. And, if this generation of Israelis is willing to rule over other people against their will and forfeit its moral principles, the next generation will refuse to do so.

In a healthy democracy there is a need for a loyal opposition that can render constructive criticism and offer well-reasoned and well-articulated alternate plans to those of the government. The problem with the Likud leaders is that they fail to grasp that time and circumstances have changed. Their plan to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is rooted in an archaic ideology of "Greater Israel" which ignores the wishes of the majority of Israelis and usurps the Palestinians' right to determine their own future. To be sure, Netanyahu's plan is a classic case of putting the party's outdated platform over Israel's national interest.

Having imposed party discipline on its members to vote against the Israeli-PLO agreement in the Knesset, the Likud leadership has doubly failed on an issue of such national and moral implications. Netanyahu has failed to demonstrate the moral courage to free his Knesset members to vote according to their own consciences and he has failed to prevent three defections. Several more Likud members would have supported the government plans had they not feared retribution.

It is almost humorous that the Likud leadership blames the Rabin Government for introducing a new "Trojan Horse" into the "impervious" walls of Israel. Even more alarming is the doomsayers' worship of the status quo while pretending to offer an alternative born in confusion and shortsightedness.

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Religion should be the rule of life, not a casual incident in it

Benjamin Disraeli, 1870

Features

Mussolini's Jewish mistress

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

She was Benito Mussolini's mistress and cultural advisor. Margherita Grassini Sarfatti, Italy's most powerful woman in the 1920s and early 1930s, met Mussolini in 1911 and became his confidante and lover.

But what was a refined Jewish lady like Sarfatti doing with a fascist bully like Mussolini? The story of their stormy, ill-fated romance is the subject of *Il Duce's Other Woman* (Gage, $34.95) by Philip Cannistraro and Brian Sullivan.

Thoroughly researched and felicitously written, this 565-page biography reads like a Greek tragedy. Having risen to a pinnacle of influence, Sarfatti's star flickered and waned as Mussolini emulated Adolf Hitler and gradually adopted a policy of state anti-Semitism. In the end, Sarfatti had no option but to emigrate, bitter and disillusioned.

She was born in Venice in 1880, the fourth and last child of rich and cultured members of the Jewish community. She appreciated the importance of Catholic tradition in Italy, but Judaism had little meaning or importance for her. Her husband, Cesare, was deeply attached to his Jewish roots and was an active Zionist.

Sarfatti, a writer and art critic, encountered Mussolini through her involvement in the socialist movement. Mussolini, it will be recalled, was attracted to socialism before fascism.

Their adulterous relationship was stressful from the outset. Mussolini's worship of violence, his ignorant notions of Jews, his contempt for art and his abusive manipulation of women repelled Sarfatti. On the other hand, she admired his political acumen, daring and charisma. Her feminine grace and refinement, and his male roughness and energy, excited their passions. Ultimately, the pursuit of power was the strongest bond between them.

Sarfatti was Mussolini's mentor. She groomed his manners and guided his reading — feeding his increasing fascination with nationalism and the history of ancient Rome by introducing him to Machiavelli and encouraging him in his studies of the Roman Empire.

Furthermore, she shaped his conviction that he was destined for greatness, and that he could lead Italy to recreate the empire and civilization of Rome.

After his appointment as prime minister in 1922, Sarfatti's power increased tremendously. She handled his foreign press relations, edited *Gerarchia*, the ideological journal of the fascist party, and wrote for the party's daily newspaper, *Il Popolo d'Italia*. These tasks kept her in Milan with her family. Cesare Sarfatti, a lawyer and fellow fascist, was aware of her affair with Mussolini, but was resigned to it, the ultimate cuckold.

After Mussolini's establishment of a full-fledged dictatorship, Sarfatti's stature continued to grow. Even the royal family treated her with respect. But there was a price to pay. Mussolini wanted complete control over her life. She obliged him. Nevertheless, like Mussolini, she took numerous lovers. Mussolini was not jealous of her affairs, sexual matters having caused the least friction in their relationship.

Mussolini was not partial to classic religious anti-Semitism or pseudo-scientific racist anti-Semitism. Yet he embraced crude anti-Jewish cliches regarding the greed of all Jews and their attempts to dominate world money markets.

Mussolini's jaundiced views disturbed Sarfatti, who had hoped that he would transcend his ingrained bigotry. But once she realized she could do nothing to combat Mussolini's anti-Semitism, she converted to Catholicism, taking this uncourageous step in 1928.

At around the same time, she stepped up her attacks on Zionism. She was doubtless following Mussolini's lead. Italian Zionists, he had warned, considered themselves not Italians, but Jews.

In naive desperation, she blamed Mussolini's rising anti-Semitism and flirtation with Nazi Germany on his advisors. But, as the authors correctly point out, that begged the question why Mussolini had chosen these advisors.

On the eve of Mussolini's visit to Germany in 1937, the controlled Italian media raised the volume of its Jew-baiting campaign. Sarfatti's position remained unaffected by the drift toward radical anti-Semitism. She was appointed to a government board to prepare Italy's pavilion at the Paris International Exposition.

But during this fast-changing period, Mussolini cut out all references in his private diaries to Sarfatti. He did not want it recorded that he had loved, and had been moulded by, a Jew.

Alarmed by the anti-Semitic climate, Sarfatti secured an audience with the Italian foreign minister. He issued an anonymous statement denying plans to deprive Jews of their civic rights. But several months later, on July 14, 1938, the government published a manifesto in the newspaper *Giornale d'Italia* which accepted the principles of Nazi racism. On Aug. 30, *Il Popolo d'Italia* started a series of articles denigrating Italian Jews and their presence in the professions.

By then, Sarfatti had already begun making preparations to leave Italy. Before she actually emigrated, the fascist party tightened the vise on the Jewish community. In November 1938, after the expulsion of Jews from the party, Sarfatti finally left, never to see Mussolini again. She and her son, Amedeo, found refuge in Uruguay. Fiammetta, her daughter, stayed behind with her family, and barely escaped a Nazi dragnet in 1943. Nella, Sarfatti's sister, perished en route to Auschwitz.

Sarfatti returned to Italy in July 1947, never to regain her old influence. Indeed, she was shunned in many circles.

The final years of her life were sad. As she aged, her weight became more pronounced, and she took less care with her appearance. She tended to over-dress and wore heavy makeup. She was an embarrassment to friends and family.

She died in October 1961, 39 years after Mussolini's March on Rome, a forgotten woman whose life once had been eventful.

Margherita and daughter, Fiammetta, circa 1912.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Karl Lueger (1844-1910) was arguably Austria's most important politician in the late 19th and early 20th century. He led Austria's first modern mass political movement, the Christian Social party (which spawned the present-day Austrian Peoples' party, whose most prominent member is Kurt Waldheim). He also served as mayor of Vienna from 1897 until his death, when that city was the imperial and glittering capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

For reasons which will soon become clear, Lueger was Adolf Hitler's favorite mayor. Hitler — an Austrian by birth, a German by choice — praised Lueger in *Mein Kampf* and during his World War II so-called table talks.

Hitler admired Lueger because he played a major role in institutionalizing anti-Semitism in Austrian politics. Under Lueger, anti-Semitism took root in political parties and newspapers. In short, he endowed political anti-Semitism with respectablity.

Born into a lower middle-class Viennese family, Lueger began his career in politics as a progressive. But after his election to parliament in 1885, he slid into the nether world of proto-fascism. He co-operated with Georg von Schoenerer, an avowed anti-Semite. In 1887, he delivered a blatantly anti-Semitic speech in support of von Schoenerer's bill against Jewish immigration.

After 1887, anti-Semitism was part and parcel of Lueger's platform, writes Richard Geehr in *Karl Lueger: Mayor of Fin de Siecle Vienna* (Wayne State University Press, $29.95 U.S.). It is the first biography in English on Lueger, but let the reader beware: it is not an easily accessible book, being rigorously academic and stylistically turgid.

Although Lueger was undoubtedly a social reformer (he municipalized public utilities and transportation), anti-Semitism was his stock-in-trade. Lueger kept Jews out of the city administration, limited the advancement of those already on the payroll, clamped a numerus clausus on Jewish high school and university students, and used municipal funds to print and distribute an anti-Jewish children's periodical, *Wiener Kinder*.

Hitler's favorite mayor

Lueger and his associates attacked the alleged preponderance of Jews in some professions, and especially in the University of Vienna's medical school. One of his pet peeves was that Austrian schools were a training ground for Jewish professionals. According to Lueger, Jews were dangerous because of their secular and anti-Catholic bias and their fealty to the implicitly alien Jewish nation.

Anticipating Nazi rhetoric, Lueger disseminated the scurrilous anti-Semitic myth that Jews practised ritual murder, and that they were a "destructive element" in every country. As he put it: "Whenever a state has allowed the Jews to become powerful, the state has soon collapsed, while in those states where they understood enough to isolate the Jews... the people were saved from many things they would otherwise have suffered."

And like the Nazis, Lueger claimed that Jews were behind all that was negative about modernity.

Geehr is not entirely sure whether Lueger was a true believer, an ideological anti-Semite. At the very least, he did not particularly like Jews, and he most certainly considered anti-Semitism an expedient instrument.

By Geehr's account, Lueger told a friend that anti-Semitism was a good means to get ahead in politics and that it was really "the sport of the rabble."

In addition, Lueger sometimes tolerated baptized Jews who had attained wealth and power, was in the habit of doing petty favors for poor Jews, and employed a handful of baptized and renegade Jews. "I decide who is a Jew!" Lueger is reported to have declared. Interestingly enough, Hermann Goering, the Nazi minister, repeated this phrase.

Despite Lueger's vulgar anti-Semitism, Geehr does not believe that it is possible to trace "a straight line" from Lueger to Hitler. But no one can doubt that he inspired and emboldened Hitler and his ilk.

Weight watchers' bonanza

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

It is hard to know how many diet-conscious Israelis are getting thin, but local manufacturers of low-calories foods are certainly getting fat.

Every day there seems to be a new item for weight-watchers on local supermarket shelves, with milk products leading the way. Cottage cheese, for example, is still obtainable with five and nine per cent butterfat, but a new product with one-half per cent butterfat is taking over an increasing share of the market. So are low-calorie milk, yogurt and white cheese.

Sometimes the marketing of milk products is a little misleading, as can be seen with a number of the fruit-flavored yogurts. These contain, so it says in bold letters on the container, only 1½ per cent butterfat. Not mentioned is the fact that they have lots of sugar in them as well.

Also to be found in the supermarkets is margarine with 50 per cent fewer calories than the normal variety, instant soup with only 10 calories per serving, a wide range of artificially-sweetened soft drinks and even very low-calorie ice cream.

One of the newest products aimed at weight-watchers is low-calorie bread made by the Deganit Bakery of Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon. Dudik Halfi, manager of Deganit, says dieters can cut down on their calorie intake by switching from crackers to his much more filling fibre-rich bread.

The argument seems to be convincing because the bakery, already working overtime, can't fulfil the demand for its product.

Proper diets are not a new concern for Jews, and good advice about proper nutrition was being offered to them long before Weight Watcherss set up their first branch in Israel.

According to Hebrew University nutritionist Connie Steinberg, Maimonides, the 12th-century Spanish-born Jewish scholar and physician, advocated a whole-grain, low-fat, fresh-food diet. Moreover, he frowned on between-meals snacks, favored drinking in moderation with meals, and believed that physical exercise was a necessary adjunct to proper eating.

Maimonides advised avoiding overly refined flour, a process which (we know today) removes beneficial vitamins and fibre. He also warned against consuming too much fried food ("flour kneaded with oil") or salted food (salting was a common method of preserving food in those pre-refrigeration days).

Meals should be eaten in a set fashion, while seated or reclining, wrote Maimonides, and not when one is moving around. This is just what dieticians tell us today, namely to avoid "grabbing food" or otherwise eating between meals.

Basically, wrote Maimonides, one should eat or drink only when truly hungry or thirsty — an eminently logical piece of advice that is hard to follow today as it was in the 12th century.

The fact that it is being ignored in this country is apparent when one looks at Israel's many pot-bellied men, who — since most are called up for regular stints of reserve duty — should theoretically be in good shape.

But, in fact, once Israeli men complete their period of compulsory service they tend to give up exercise and to gain a great deal of weight: rotund reserve general Arik Sharon is a blatant case in point.

Sharon, presumably, does not consume any of those low-calorie products so prominently displayed on the shelves of Israeli supermarkets.

Organizations and People

Ottawa UJA campaign aims to top successful '92 results

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Last year, Ottawa was one of the few communities in Canada to see an increase in United Jewish Appeal donations. Despite a difficult economic climate, UJA donations were eight percent higher than they were the year before. It's a tough act to follow.

"I'd say I've had 10 people say they've had a bad year," said Louis Sherman, who was working the phones during this year's Super Sunday fall telephone blitz. But, he added cheerfully, they are donating money anyway.

Other volunteers were having similar stories from the people they called — money is tight.

"Increases [in donations] are hard to come by," said Chick Taylor, a veteran UJA volunteer, "but people are giving the same as last year, even when their income has gone down."

This year's campaign goal, says UJA chair Sam Firestone, is about $4 million. He hopes to reach it by igniting a feeling of community responsibility for Jewish and Israeli institutions.

"It's easy to be negative, it's easy to go in with a tempered spirit because of the economy and politics. But one can become charged by that because the troubled times mean our agencies have troubled times . . . The troubled times in the former Soviet Union mean we have to be even more concerned about our fellow Jews that are there, and getting them out to come to Israel."

The thrust of the campaign, captured by the slogan Promises to Keep, is that the Jewish community has obligations to meet. The key, says Firestone is to educate people about UJA. He believes donors deserve information about UJA and the institutions it supports,

"Most people realize that UJA is an umbrella organization. They just don't appreciate to what degree the beneficiary agencies are benefitting from their UJA dollar," Firestone said.

So, campaign literature tells them exactly how much money goes to each UJA supported agency. For instance, said Firestone, most people don't realize that UJA reduces tuition at Hillel Academy, the Jewish day school, by about $1,000 per student. If families don't have children in the day school, they can find out how much money is given to other agencies that might be important to them.

"It could be Hillel Lodge [the Jewish home for the aged]. It could be the JCC, it could be Israel. Underneath our umbrella there is some benefit each Jew can derive. Maybe it's anti-Semitism. There's something there for everybody."

A welcome trend in the campaign is the increased involvement of younger people, says Pauline Pankowski, director of UJA. Over the past two years more men and women in their late 20s are coming to programs and working as volunteers.

"They may not be new to the community but they are new to the UJA," says Pankowski. "These are people whose first involvement with the community is through the UJA."

They are attracted by UJA, Pankowski believes, because it gives them tangible projects to work on. And they are drawn by a young leadership, including the chair, Firestone, who is in his early 40s.

"We've got a whole new cabinet of young and enthusiastic people," says Firestone, "and we're letting everybody else know that it's not just an elitist organization. There are a lot of new people that really want to get involved and they're very, very talented."

So far the UJA Ottawa campaign has raised six percent more money than it had at this point in last year's campaign. But Firestone says it is still too early to predict what the final tally will be.

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Best known as "Bubby Nash," Nashman was born in Glace Bay, N.S., the daughter of an immigrant family from Russia. Her father worked in the coal mines of Glace Bay for two years before the family moved to Hamilton, Ont., where Nashman grew up. She moved to Toronto after marrying Abraham Nashman in 1919.

A vital and active member of the Jewish community, Nashman joined Holy Blossom Temple in the mid-1920s. She also belonged to B'nai Brith, Hadassah, The National Council of Jewish Women and the Mt. Sinai Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary.

Nashman opened a summer hotel in Crystal Beach, Ont., in the 1940s and ran a catering service in Toronto for several years. With this background she opened Camp Wahanowin with son Harold. Her outstanding cooking was legendary at Wahanowin.

Nashman was also famous for combing and braiding campers hair for Visitors' Day. The children would line up at Bubby Nash's Beauty Salon wanting to look their best to greet their parents.

Nashman, whose husband died in 1952, leaves behind two children, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Donations may be sent in memory of Anne Nashman to The Youth Award Fund at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K9.

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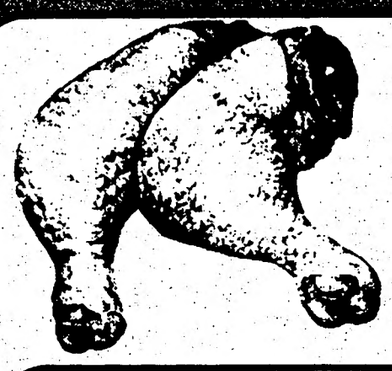

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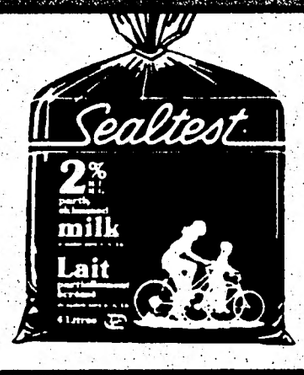

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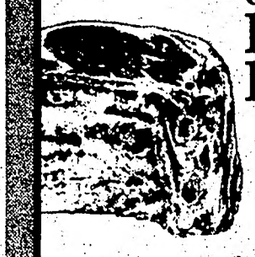

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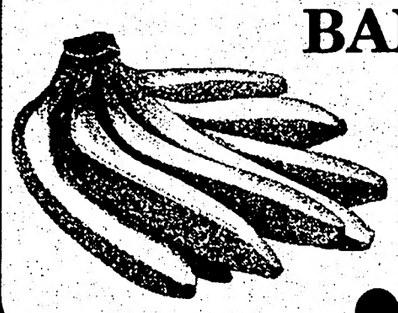

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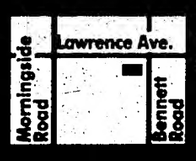

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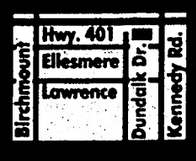

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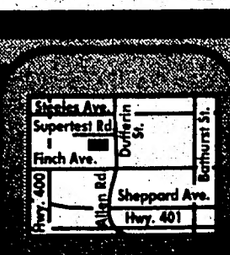

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External affairs minister denounces Arab boycott

TORONTO — Perrin Beatty, External Affairs minister in the previous federal government, strongly denounced the Arab boycott of Israel in a speech delivered prior to the federal election.

Beatty labeled the boycott "destructive to the peace process," before an audience of 200 accountants and lawyers, brought together by the United Jewish Appeal (UJA).

"The boycott makes no sense whatsoever," he said.

Beatty was less definite about the fate of Jerusalem, when reminded of former Tory Prime Minister Joe Clark's canceled promise to recognize it as Israel's capital.

He claimed Canada is an ideal position to mediate the emotional question of jurisdiction over Jerusalem.

"Canada's key role would be as a facilitator," he said.

Canada also chairs the multilateral working group on refugees in the Middle East peace talks, and is very effective, according to Beatty, because it "has earned the respect of all sides."

Much of Beatty's address was devoted to emotional memories of the Israel-PLO peace accord signing ceremony on the White House lawn, Sept. 13. He was one of the 10 foreign ministers invited to attend.

"Rarely have I been moved by so simple an act," he recalled. "There are times when it takes more courage to make peace than it does to wage war."

But, Beatty cautioned that Israel, her Arab neighbors and the Palestinians have a long way to go. They still haven't sorted out, for example, how to handle disasters on the high seas - something Canada and the United States have already perfected.

External Affairs was Beatty's seventh cabinet portfolio since becoming the youngest member ever of the House of Commons, 21 years ago, at the age of 22.

The annual event at which Beatty spoke, called Outlook '94. was sponsored by the UJA lawyers and accountants division.

External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty (second from left) with (from left) George Weinberger, Robert Furman, Joy Shuchat and Irving Green.

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Holocaust Education Centre dedicated in Israel by Raabs

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Jews who told their brethren of the horrors of the Holocaust were labelled as "hotheads," according to one survivor.

"They did everything possible to keep us quiet," said Alexandre Raab.

Raab is in Israel this week with his brother and three sisters to dedicate the Serena Abeles Raab Holocaust Education Centre in memory of their mother who perished in the Holocaust.

The education centre is at Michlalah-Jerusalem College for Women, Israel's premier religious teachers' college. The dedication will take place during Michlalah's commencement ceremonies.

Raab will be joined by brother Ernest Raab, a well-known sculptor, and sisters Klara Reitman and Edith Werner of Toronto, and Lilly Berenhaut of Montreal.

The centre will complement Michlalah's curriculum by offering Holocaust studies in history, Jewish philosophy, responsa, psychology, literature, art and music, film and pedagogy.

"The true story must survive," said Alexandre, a self-described farmer with a ranch in Florida. "We are witnessing the rewriting of history of the Holocaust — Zundel and the other Holocaust deniers — and on the Jewish side, we see a falsification of history."

Alexandre and Ernest joined the resistance movement from their hometown of Komamo, Czechoslovakia, a city with a Jewish presence from Roman times, Alexandre said. "We became the first victims of peace when Czechoslovakia was dismantled and this area was attached to Hungary in 1939."

His parents, Serena and Simon Raab, perished in the Holocaust along with their 22 siblings, three children, grandchildren, cousins and the 150 members of the Abeles extended family.

Looking back to 1944, Alexandre said 800,000 Hungarian Jews knew the plight of Jews in other parts of Europe. "They were very sad about it but they made no effort to help them, to go to the Vatican and other places to seek help," he said. Instead, they tried to still the voices of those who were resisting.

Alexandre said Poles who had escaped Treblinka told them what was happening. "We knew everything. They warned the Jews not to get on the trains, to run, and [told us] 'Don't stay with your parents — escape.' "

The Raab family has long supported Israel and its institutions. Its members are also heavily involved in Israeli commerce with nurseries in Binyamina.

They chose to establish the holocaust education centre at Michlalah because their parents were religious Jews and the school is dedicated to future educators, said Alexandre.

More than 2,000 Michlalah graduates are in the field of education in Israel and the Diaspora. Many Canadians attend Michlalah and recently, the teacher's college began granting degree programs to men.

"I want them to research the correct events of the Holocaust and accept the Jewish peoples' responsibility," said Alexandre. "We must face up to our guilt. If we don't learn from our history, we are liable to make the same mistakes again."

Brother Ernest said Jews need to know how to be leaders. "Our ancestors, the real adults with life's experience, didn't give us leadership. Our destiny is in our hands and not someone's else's. Everyone knows this by instinct, but the Jews don't seem to understand this."

Bessarabian Jews examined

TORONTO — A book of interest to Yiddish readers of Romanian descent has just been published by its author, Ariel Koprov of Toronto.

Moral, Courage and Faith, in paperback and in large print, is a sequel to Koprov's previous book, also published in Yiddish, *Between The Two World Wars.*

Both books deal with the Jews of Bessarabia, a region which at various times belonged to Turkey, Romania, and the former Soviet Union.

Moral, courage and Faith is the story of a Jewish family before World War II.

Bessarabia served as a sanctuary for Russian Jews who escaped anti-Semitic persecutions and pogroms in their country. They settled in Bessarabia and built a new life for themselves.

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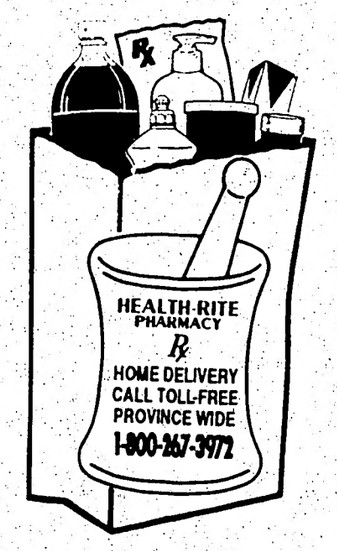

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Ottawa Negev Dinner to honor Barwin

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Dr. Norman Barwin doesn't know the meaning of the words, "Sorry, I don't have time."

Barwin, a leading Ottawa fertility specialist, fills his off-hours volunteering for organizations like Planned Parenthood which champion women's reproductive rights. He is compassionate, energetic and knows how to make time for everything.

"He has only one fault," says Sharon Coleman, director of resource development for the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada. "He doesn't know how to say no, he is so generous with his time."

For his professional and volunteer contributions, Barwin has been chosen as the 1993 Honoree for the Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Dinner to be held Nov. 9 at Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

Trained as a gynecologist, Barwin specializes in fertility problems, PMS, menopause, sexually transmitted diseases and adolescent gynecology. He chairs the Human Sexuality Program at University of Ottawa, where he lectures in reproductive ethics. He has also taught obstetrics and gynecology at the university's medical school and was four times voted best clinical professor.

Dr. Norman Barwin

Barwin is past president of the Canadian Fertility Society, co-founder of the Canadian Andrology Society and honorary president of the International Society for the Advancement of Contraception. He sits on the advisory committee to the Federal Minister of Health and Welfare on medical devices and chairs the Canadian Standards Committee on Barrier Contraception.

He has also served as president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada and Planned Parenthood Ottawa. He is a vice-chair of the General Assembly of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

"I would walk across hot coals for this man," says Coleman, who was the executive director of Planned Parenthood when Barwin was president.

He brought expertise, commitment and tremendous energy to Planned Parenthood, she says

"I don't know the number of times he sat through two days of meetings, went home at 5 p.m. to sit down with 25 people to dinner and then came back the next morning at 9 for more meetings," says Coleman.

He felt so strongly about the problems affecting reproduction, says Coleman, that he funded a scholarship for a graduate student working in the area of reproductive health.

"You do this because you enjoy doing it, and then you don't expect rewards for the things that you love to do," says Barwin modestly of being honored by the JNF.

Volunteer work, he says, gives him a chance to give something back in an area that gives him so much pleasure.

Barwin sits on the board of trustees of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, where he is vice-chair of the panel on Jewish education. And as president of the Ottawa chapter of the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation for the past three years, he has missed only one meeting.

"What is so totally amazing about this man," says friend and JNF campaign vice-chair Edie Koryani, "is that he finds time for all his friends."

Despite his busy schedule, which includes a few hours in the office every weekend, Barwin has always planned his work around his family; wife Myrna, a computer analyst, four children, their spouses and two grandchildren.

"He is one of these night owls," says his son Kevin. "He's always getting up at three in the morning and working for three hours on a lecture. I guess it's all the babies he's delivered during the night all those years."

Barwin gave up deliveries, which he loved, nine years ago so he could give his attention to a growing number of office patients.

"I'm still suffering withdrawal from that," he says.

He kept his hand in, though, delivering both his grandchildren.

Among patients he is known for his warmth and sensitivity. To develop a rapport with couples who have fertility problems, he says, is immensely satisfying.

"It's even more wonderful when it works. In our office we often argue over who gets to call the couple and tell them their [pregnancy] test has come back positive," says Barwin with a smile.

The Barwin family decided to have Norman Barwin's name linked with a water reservoir to be built at Kibbutz Ma'ale Golboa in the Beit She'an Valley. It is part of a JNF plan to build a network of fresh water reservoirs to reduce pressure on the water supply Israel shares with her Arab neighbors.

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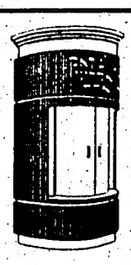

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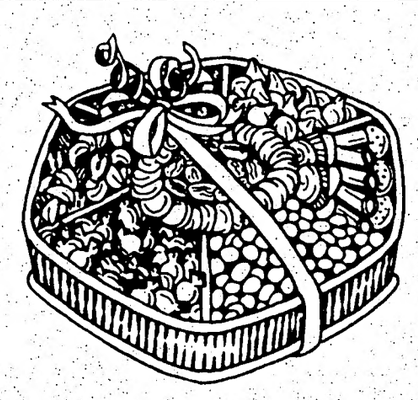

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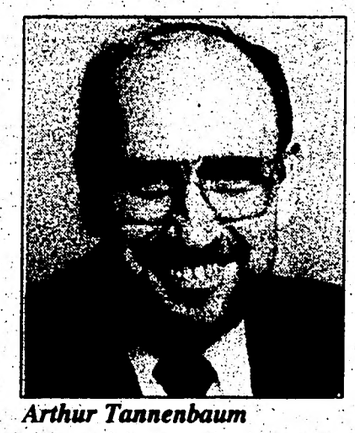
Arthur thinks **UJA** means much more than money. He sees it as the community's unifying force.

"In UJA, we don't talk about religion. Everyone is a Jew. We're all sisters and brothers."

Although Arthur is too self-effacing to even consider how much money he's raised, he's not reluctant to talk about how he's transformed so many non-committed individuals into active volunteers.

"When I'm able to contact people who have not been involved, that's my greatest accomplishment."

As the veteran executive vice-president of Associated Hebrew Schools, and co-chairman of the education division, Arthur is particularly proud of how **UJA** contributors support Toronto's Jewish school system. It's considered by many to be North America's best. Associated is the largest school in the system, and Arthur stresses that all of Associated's officers are "totally committed to **UJA**." He believes "thousands of Jewish children would not be going to day schools, if it weren't for the **United Jewish Appeal**."



Arthur Tannenbaum

Campaign associate Avrum Rosenweig calls Arthur "an inspiration," whose enthusiasm grows with each passing year.

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Organizations and People

Former mayor of Shiloh calls peace accord a mistake

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Yisrael Medad's measured tones and ease on the podium bely the harshness of the message he brings to North American Jewry from his home in the territories located outside Israel's pre-1967 borders.

The former mayor of Shiloh, who immigrated from the United States in 1970, spoke recently at the Zionist Centre under the auspices of the Toronto Zionist Council (TZC) on Peace in our Time: Who Pays the Price?

Medad is a lecturer on the history of Israel, Zionism and the Arab-Israeli conflict at the Academy of National Studies, a small, independent educational program for high school students and adults. He is also a Knesset aide to Likud MK Limor Livnat and a former aide to MK Geula Cohen.

Medad views the Israel-PLO peace accord which was signed in September as "a mistake." Although an Israeli opinion poll in September showed 82 percent support for the accord, Medad takes issue with the results.

"How many people have read the document?" he asked. "How many understand the document? How many feel very confident that everything is okay?"

Medad noted that the peace accord has raised many questions. Among them, he said, "the IDF has to be out of Jericho and Gaza by Dec. 13. We don't know what Jericho is. Is it the municipal boundaries of a small 10 square-mile town or is it from almost the Damya Bridge [in] the lower Jordan Valley to the Dead Sea, about 156 square miles? [Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin doesn't know, because he hasn't negotiated it yet.

"How many refugees are going to be allowed in the family reunification plan? Is it 6,000 [people] or 6,000 heads of families with 13 other dependents?"

Medad dismissed the accord as "a contract with a terrorist organization." He reminded the audience of about 50 people that the Palestine Liberation Organization was formed three years before the Six Day War. "What territories were we supposed to be trading then for peace? It was probably the State of Israel they were talking about. Now they are reformed. All they want is just Judea, Samaria, Gaza, East Jerusalem and a few other places."

Medad criticized the speed with which the accord was signed, without providing an opportunity for Israeli lawmakers to review the document at length. "Would you sign a business contract and then afterward argue who was going to get what percentage of the profit margin?" he asked.

As a settler, he is troubled by seemingly contradictory statements: that security of Jewish settlements would be ensured under Israeli security forces, and that the IDF will have to get out of all populated areas.

There are 135,000 Jewish settlers in the territories, he said, almost 80,000 of whom are under 18. "We are normal people no matter what CNN tells you," Medad said. In an attempt to dispel the stereotype of Orthodox hardliners, Medad pointed out that of 12,000 Jews in Ariel, only 15 percent are religious. Maaleh Adumim has a religious population comprising 35 percent of the total, he said.

The people who live outside the Green Line are determined to stay there, Medad said. Even in the face of the intifadah, the Jewish population of the territories has doubled within the past six years.

"We proved we could overcome what was thrown at us," he said. What was thrown at them included stones and Molotov cocktails. A neighbor of Medad's was killed on his way to a demonstration on the eve of the Madrid conference, he said.

Yet Medad maintains that none of the problems are serious enough to disrupt their everyday life. "We don't have a fence around us," he said.

Diaspora Jews can help with "a little bit of love, money, support and visiting." (The TZC is planning a 15-day mission next May to the territories.)

In a sad appeal, Medad asked for understanding for the settlers. "Don't forget that there are living people out there," he said. "We have to know there are people who understand us, even if they don't support us, that they don't dislike us."

Medad exhorted audience members to be informed and outspoken, cautioning them not to "rant."

"I don't have all the solutions, but I know what the problems are. Take advice from us. We've been [in the territories], some of us, for 26 years."

Israelis said willing to support accord

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Many Israelis are willing to support the recently negotiated Israel-PLO accord if it keeps their sons from having to serve in the Gaza Strip, according to a local CBC radio correspondent.

Counting himself among those parents, Mark Lavie, the station's voice from Jerusalem, said that aspect of the accord "is good enough for me."

Presenting a generally optimistic assessment of recent developments in the region, Lavie told several hundred people at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue that the accord has turned the Middle East on its head. Where once Israel attempted to stifle the Palestinian acquisition of arms, now it must decide which weapons to provide Palestinian police with so they can keep order in the territories.

Illustrating the "sea change" that has gripped the region, Lavie said shortly after the accord was signed, he saw Palestinians surround a group of patrolling Israeli soldiers. "Normally that would be a riot situation. This was a celebration."

Lavie, who has lived in Israel for 22 years, stressed he was presenting a personal view and was not speaking for the CBC.

Israelis, he said, are divided into two camps: those who believe the country can make peace with the Arabs and those who don't. Opponents of the accord believe peace with the Palestinians is a "pipe dream" and that the country's Arab neighbors still want to drive Israel into the sea. Israel needs the territories to protect itself, they believe.

Palestinians are also divided on the accord, but Lavie said that if the majority see tangible benefits resulting from it — even if it's just uniformed Palestinians collecting garbage — then they will have a stake in peace.

Palestinians may then see they have an interest in co-operating with Israel to suppress the rejectionists, even if it has to be done clandestinely. It's a little-known fact that Israel is already involving in protecting Arafat, he said.

Turning his attention to the Syrian border, Lavie said the peace treaty with Egypt set a bad precedent for the Syrian negotiations. The Sinai precedent will have to be broken since Israel is not going to give back all of the Golan Heights, he said.

He suggested that U.S. pressure on both Syria and Israel could lead to results.

Asked to speculate on the fruits of peace, Lavie said he envisioned a cooperative effort in tourism between Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, whose borders are within kilometres of each other on the Gulf of Aqaba. The four countries could jointly develop that coastal region, making it "a Riviera of the Middle East," he said. There are already entrepreneurs planning for the day when peace is a fact of life in the region, he said.

Lavie's address was sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee, the synagogue, B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish National Fund.

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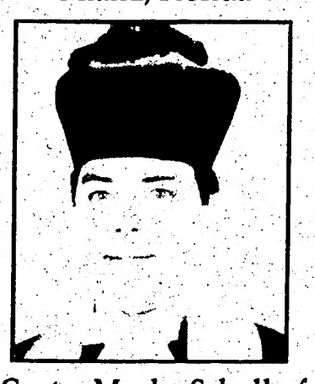

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Comedian gets serious about Israel

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —Though he steered away from comments on the Israeli political scene, the famed Israeli comedian, Yankele Bodo, left no doubt about his views on the future of Jerusalem in his recent show here.

"Israel forever and Jerusalem forever," declared Bodo just before the curtain fell at the last of three performances with co-star Israeli stage and movie singer Monica at Northview Heights high school under the aegis of artistic director Chaim Avron.

Diminutive comedian Bodo, with his rapid-fire Yiddish delivery, presented a series of his familiar characters: The aging rheumatoid patient with a bundle of prescriptions from his doctors, a love-sick swain thrown out of the house by his girl friend's father, a recent widower on the way to his wife's grave who meets a widow, also on the way to the cemetery, and, in the funniest role of all, as St. Peter with his sceptre at heaven's gate, introducing himself as the world's first Jewish astronaut.

Not all of Bodo's jokes are new, but he tells them with such relish they are infectious. For instance, the story of the three sons visiting at their father's death bed. "I'll hire six horses to bear your coffin to the cemetery," promises one. The second son suggests four horses would be enough, while the third declares two would be even more practical. The father interrupts their argument: "Bring me my pants," he says, "I'll walk to the cemetery."

Pokes fun

He doesn't mind poking fun at his audience and their pretensions. At one point he said he was asked for advice by a Toronto friend about whether the friend should allow his two teen-age sons to live in Israel.

"What do you think?" he asked. Shouts of "Let them go," rang out. "So why don't you go to Israel?" Bodo asked.

The influx of Russian Jews to Israel fueled some of his jokes, including his assertion that 25 per cent of the immigrants were not Jewish as they claimed. One of them was discovered when he misunderstood a question about his circumcision and replied: "I sent it to the washing machine."

Playing the character at the gates of heaven gave him the opportunity to announce he would keep everyone posted on the arrival of the meshiach.

It was a fast-moving, delightful show, with Monica, not only singing up a storm, but acting as an effective foil for Bodo in the skits. Jordan Klapman and fellow performers Adam Ginsburg and Tony Laviola provided traditional and modern music.

Emissary's life reflects UJA theme

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — The theme of this year's United Jewish Appeal Campaign is 'so no Jew stands alone' and no one lives by it more enthusiastically than Zimna Barhani, the Jewish Agency's emissary in Ethiopia.

Barhani, who recently reunited a 14-year-old Ethiopian girl with her family in Israel after a nine-year separation, works tirelessly year-round to ensure that every Jew who wants to leave Ethiopia can.

In introducing Barhani to about 25 UJA major gift donors at a recent gathering at the home of Issy and Rosalie Sharp, women's campaign chair Debbie Kimel described him as "a modern day hero. He translates what we do into a reality."

Barhani, who made aliyah in 1967 from Ethiopia and who played a pivotal role in the rescue of about 14,000 Ethipian Jews in 1991, told the group that when he found the girl she was wearing no clothes and had wild, dirty hair.

"Her mother told me that no precious gift could make her happier than having her daughter back. Another woman told me that when she arrived in Jerusalem she felt like a truly holy woman."

He said that with over 50,000 Ethiopian Jews in Israel, there are only about 450 left in Ethiopia. "Those in Israel have integrated into society and live all over the country."

Barhani stressed that the UJA theme means that Jews are responsible for one another. "The communities here and in Israel may be separated geographically but we really are one people. Israel ensures the future of the Jewish people. I ask you to make the people of Israel bloom like the people of Israel make the desert bloom."

Baycrest gets environmental award

TORONTO — Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care was recently presented an award of merit from the City of North York.

The Environment Awards of Merit (TEAM) were created in 1989 by the City of North York to honor people and organizations who have shown their commitment to a healthier, safer and cleaner environment.

Joanne Flint, city councillor and a member of the TEAM selection committee, said that Baycrest Centre is a leader among long-term care institutions in its approach to environmental issues. "The selection committee was impressed by Baycrest's leadership in tackling some tough environmental problems, such as recycling a high volume of incontinence products," she said. "Baycrest consistently implements well-conceived and sustainable conservation projects. It's obvious that its commitment to environment protection is a group effort by the whole organization."

More than 50 initiatives

Among the more than 50 initiatives already in place at Baycrest Centre is a recycling program for plastics, glass, styrofoam, metal and aluminum cans, wood and paper. As well, all incontinence products (adult briefs, liners and underpads) which amount for 60 percent of the garbage produced at Baycrest, are recycled through a commercial manufacturer. And, by improving energy management, Baycrest has reduced its annual hydro costs by more than $100,000.

Baycrest has been active in implementing environmental projects for more than a decade, and in January, 1992, formalized them into an Environmental Plan. The plan also outlines goals to ensure continuity of Baycrest's environmental program well into the next century.

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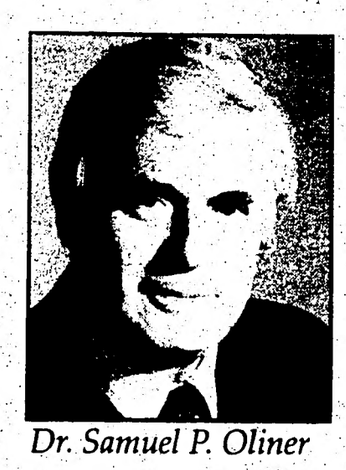

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Organizations and People

Accomplished Toronto poet receives honors in many areas

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Winning over more than 1,000 entries, Donia Blumenfeld Clenman won First Honorary Mention in the Miriam Felicia Lindberg Israel Poetry Prize at the XIV World Congress of Poets held recently in Mexico.

The well-known Toronto poet, children's writer and librettist, whose works have been published, broadcast, televised, performed and recorded, won the international award for her poem titled, *No Wonder the Map is Difficult*, which she describes as "a kind of psychological bridge between Canada and Israel." Copies of her poem were distributed to all the delegates at the Congress for circulation in their respective countries.

Ian Burchell, the Canadian Consul in Monterrey, attended the prestigious ceremonies. The award was presented to Blumenfeld Clenman by Dr. Ada Aharoni, a lecturer at the Technion in Haifa, author of 21 books in English, French, Hebrew and Arabic and president of the Israeli chapter of the World Congress of Poet.

Blumenfeld Clenman also served as a director/judge on behalf of the International Laureates for Children and received a plaque of recognition from the World Academy of Arts and Culture. She will continue in this position during 1994. The XV World Congress of Poets will be held next year in Taipei, Taiwan.

In a recent publication, *Song to Life and World Peace*, a compilation of selected essays and poems presented last year at the World Congress of Poets in Haifa, which includes writings both international and Jewish in content, two of her works are included. UNESCO, one of the sponsors of the Congresses, notes Blumenfeld Clenman, was so impressed by the book that the organization plans to fund and publish a revised edition. "This," she says, "is a first and a credit to Jewish creativity. These will be distributed internationally to embassies and national libraries and can also be obtained in Israel."

She told *The CJN* that from the time she was 5 years old, she would devour books. "My mother thought I would get run over because I always had my nose in a book. My love of literature followed me through school. My teachers would call my writing dramatic, poetic and flamboyant."

Born Donia Klajman in Opatow, Poland in 1927, at the age of six, her family moved to Warsaw where she attended the Tarbot School, a Hebrew immersion program. At the closing of the Warsaw Ghetto, the family returned to Opatow and lived in the Opatow ghetto. In 1942, she and her mother were sent to Skarzysko Concentration Camp, an ammunition factory where they were slave labor. Her father, an accountant, was sent to Treblinka where he perished. When the Russians were approaching Skarzysko, she and her mother and those who had survived were sent to the Czestochowa ammunition factory. They were liberated in January 1945 by the Russian army.

Donia Blumenfeld Clenman

In the DP camp in Germany, both mother and daughter were very ill. They hoped to move to Israel. They received a message from an uncle who had survived Auschwitz and was living in Belgium who arranged to have them smuggled out of Germany.

After one year in Belgium, her paternal grandfather, who had moved to Toronto before she was born, sent tickets for her and her mother. In Canada, she met Martin Clenman, a concert pianist, photographer and a brilliant mathematician who now heads the mathematics department at Humber College. The Clenmans (Donia took the name Blumenfeld in memory of her mother's family exterminated during the Holocaust) have three children and one granddaughter.

Fluent in five languages, Polish, Hebrew, French, Yiddish and English, it is English that has become her creative language. Her works reflect her past. She is friendly, introspective and at the same time aware of the realities of life. She combines this with her love of Israel and her people. Her works encompass many themes — always aware of changing emotions and realities.

A frequent visitor to Israel, a retrospective of her "changing emotions and realities both mine and Israel's between 1983 and 1992" — is being assembled titled, *Older and in Love*. But she is quick to note that she has a "deep affection for Canada." She says that since she arrived in 1948, "Canada has offered me a sense of life and normalcy — marriage, children and education — a beautiful country that gave me my mother tongue, English."

She explains that "because I have resided in so many countries, I carry many cultures and themes. Therefore, I write on many subjects; my childhood, the war years, Canada, and a great deal about Israel."

Today, the prolific poet and writer contributes to numerous newspapers and magazines. She gives readings to groups and lectures to high school students and educators on the Holocaust. More than 100 of her poems have been published in periodicals and anthologies throughout the world. Many of her works have been set to music by prominent Canadian composers. Her poem *Northern Sketches*, set to music by Srul Irving Glick, is included in CBC's Radio International CD.

"Although my work is rooted in my Jewish identity, it is universal in its scope in the sense that it deals with music, people and nature." She adds that these universal themes are part of our heritage. "To me, writing is like breathing. Because of my experience as a Holocaust survivor, there is an important moral aspect to my writing.

"My creations are proof that not only have I survived in the sense of being alive but I have survived as a person who can create and celebrate life and creation."

She is a recipient of an Ontario Arts Council Award, has also been honored by awards in Canada, England, the United States and Australia and she received first prize in the 1992 Voices Israel Poetry Competition on the theme of The Environment.

She recently was appointed to the editorial committee of a new international review tentatively named, *2000: International Poetry Review — A World Beyond Violence*. Consisting of essays, interviews, poetry and art, the Review is being launched as a quarterly or a bi-annual with every issue built around a world theme such as discrimination, poverty, mind pollution, and many others. The first issue will coincide with the advent of the next Congress in Taiwan. For more information write to the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Osman Turkey, 22 Ave. Mansions, Finchley Rd., London, NW3 7AX, England.

Copies of *Song of Life and World Peace* can be obtained from The Treasurer: John Dicks, VOICES, The Israel English Poetry Assoc., P.O. Box 236, Kiryat Ata, 38101, Israel. Enclose $20 U.S. which includes the postage.

Royal Ontario Museum running Holocaust exhibit

TORONTO — The Royal Ontario Musuem, in conjunction with the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre, has mounted an exhibit on the Holocaust.

The exhibit, housed in the ROM's Discovery Gallery, will run until Jan. 2, 1994.

Photos are used to illustrate the political and racial climate in Europe between 1933 and 1945. A final section focuses on fighting racism today.

All visitors over 6 years are welcome. Gallery hours are 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday to Friday; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Phone the gallery at 586-5800 before planning a trip since school groups may have booked the space.

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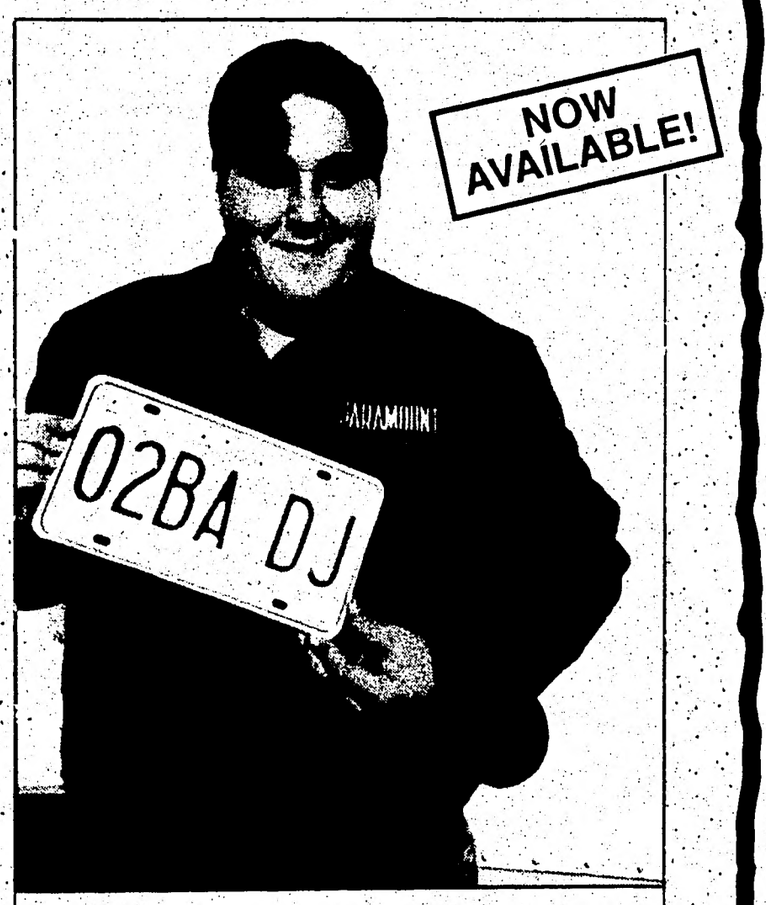

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German internees tell tales

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — In the summer of 1940, with the Battle of Britain raging in the skies and the possibility of invasion by Germany looming, the British government ordered the arrest of all refugees from Germany and Austria, some 26,000. Most were Jews.

While some were released, the majority were shipped to Canada and Australia to be interned as POWs and spies.

On Nov. 5, 6 and 8, Vision TV will show a new, hour-long documentary chronicling the stories of several former internees from Camp "B" in New Brunswick.

Based on the book by Ted Jones, *Both Sides Of The Wire* was produced and directed by Neal Livingston, a 38-year-old filmmaker and environmental activist based in Nova Scotia.

Though told before, most notably in Harry Rasky's 1981 two-hour documentary, *The Spies That Never Were*, the story of these refugees — and the Canadian government's anti-Semitic policy that kept them behind barbed wire for the next three years — bears telling again.

In *Both Sides Of The Wire*, Livingston interviews former internees, those who remained in Canada and those in the U.S. and in England.

Now senior citizens, many of whom have excelled in academic and professional careers, the internees recall their experiences without bitterness. More often than not they tell their stories with good-natured humor and much laughter.

Both Sides Of The Wire is a departure for Livingston, who previously has worked on shorts and profiles of eccentrics. It's also his longest and most ambitious film, made for $305,000 and featuring a soundtrack by Leonard Cohen.

Livingston began his career while still at Westdale Collegiate in Hamilton, winning first prize at the 1971 WNED-TV (Buffalo, N.Y.) Film Contest. He went on to study fine arts and film at York University. After obtaining his BA in 1975, Livingston moved to Nova Scotia where he continued his studies at Dalhousie University and the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design.

Both Sides of The Wire will air on Vision TV Friday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. EST and Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1 a.m. EST; and on Monday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. EST and 4 p.m. EST.

CBC Newsworld will broadcast the film at a later date.

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Aish HaTorah starts women's division

TORONTO — Jewish women will now have access to challenging and dynamic programming through the recently-founded Women's Division of Aish HaTorah.

Comprised of women of all ages, traditions and lifestyles, the Women's Division of Aish HaTorah saw the need to create educational programming for the intellectual and enquiring Jewish woman in a warm and relaxing atmosphere.

The group seeks to represent the spectrum of Jewish women by bringing together expert female speakers to explore topics relating to the body, mind and soul.

The first educational event is The Make-Up of a Jewish Woman: Inside and Out, a special one-day seminar on Sunday, Nov. 14 at Baycrest Terrace.

Keynote presenters include author Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, founder of the Jewish heritage organization Hineni, and Ilana Harkavi, president of Il Makiage in New York and make-up artist to Demi Moore, Brooke Shields and Sylvester Stallone, among others.

The day will include topics like Beauty, Brains and Belief, Intimacy and Ecstasy: The Jewish Approach to Sexuality, Keeping your Children Jewish: It's Not All or Nothing, and 11:40 and Counting: Managing Your Time and Your Life.

For more information about the Aish HaTorah Women's Division or The Makeup of a Jewish Woman: Inside and Out, please contact Shellie Grafstein at (905) 771-0903.

York professor honored

TORONTO — The co-ordinator of a Canadian-German university exchange program has been awarded one of Germany's highest honors.

Mark Webber, a professor of Germanic Studies at York University, was presented with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany last week by German Counsel-General Roland Fournes.

Webber, who has co-ordinated the Ontario/Baden-Wurttemburg Student Exchange since 1990, said he emphasizes the goal of mutual understanding. Students spend two semesters studying at one of the host schools.

"We talk about stereotyping to the outgoing Candians and the incoming Germans," he said. "I want to replace ignorance with understanding. I hope I have something to contribute in this area, both in Canadian-German relations and also in the Jewish-non-Jewish world."

In recognizing those contributions, Ilse Lindemann, cultural attache at the German Embassy in Ottawa, said Webber's work has been outstanding.

"His achievements are significant and he really deserves this award," Lindemann said.

Webber, a member of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, earned his bachelor's degree in German literature from Harvard University before finishing his master's degree and PhD at Yale University.

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Organizations and People

OSC co-ordinator Carol Gold brings fun to world of science

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO —A typical day in the life of Carol Gold may include doing science tricks for the public, writing a few pages of her latest book for kids, and appearing on the David Letterman show and getting him to perform stunts like walking on top of a huge tray of chocolate pudding.

It's all part of her job as science co-ordinator at the Ontario Science Centre (OSC), a place she affectionately describes as "an amusement park for the mind."

She has worked there in a variety of capacities for 17 years, and it has radically changed her attitude toward science.

"Like a lot of people, I was a sciencephobe. It terrified me. When I was in school I used to cut science classes. They were boring, incomprehensible, and seemed to have absolutely no bearing on my life. You were supposed to memorize tables and formulas that had no relation or connection to anything," she said.

"Before I came here, science and fun were two words I would never have used in the same paragraph. But working at the OSC put into focus that a lot of stuff I'd been interested in in my life was science. It was fun, not threatening, and it was connected to the rest of life."

Her science-is-fun attitude is evident in the entertaining way she presents science in the media: in her *Toronto Sun* column and the TV talk shows on which she's regularly invited to appear.

Having Letterman walk on top of chocolate pudding was supposed to demonstrate surface tension (either the particles of cornstarch didn't stick together enough, or Letterman didn't walk fast enough, but he ended up with chocolate pudding around his ankles).

Another example: as a recent guest on an NHL awards show on CBC, she explained why the puck is frozen before a game (to take the bounce out of it, so it will slide rather than hop along the ice), and then she showed what happened when the puck is frozen too much (it shatters when it hits a wall).

For Gold, science is more than fun; it's a way of looking at the world.

"It's not just something you do in a lab. It's looking at things from a non-accepting point of view. Take technology, for instance. People tend to just accept it, they don't question it. Science to me is asking how does it work, what is it doing to me, how am I involved in it?"

Carol Gold

She is somewhat uneasy about the mystique of science in our culture, its having become, in her words, "an oracle.

"It's almost worshipped. The feeling is that science is doing it to us (changing the weather, affecting our lives) but it will also somehow fix it for us.

"But science is not answers, it's questions. It's driven by questions, and answers are not inviolate, they can be changed," she said.

Interest youngsters

As part of her job, Gold also speaks at teachers' conventions to give educators ideas on how to interest youngsters in science. She believes most children are born scientists, but as they get older that fascination often decreases or disappears.

"When a baby drops a toy and you pick it up, they drop it again. They're trying things out, testing them. That's why they get into so much trouble! They're asking: what happens if I do this? They're playing at testing physical principles, like how high can I pack this sand till it falls over?"

That curiosity seems to disappear after kids go to school, Gold said, though she doesn't know if school is to blame.

When she was growing up, Gold says her negative reaction to science was compounded by the prevailing attitude that girls and science didn't mix.

She cited a study that showed that girls in all-girl schools did far better in science than girls in co-ed institutions.

"It has nothing to do with innate differences in intelligence, but rather with gender roles in society. The hypothesis is that when girls are removed from the social pressure of having to conform to gender roles, they can follow their own interests instead of being stifled by expectations of what they're supposed to do."

True to the scientific credo, she added, "At least that's the guess so far!"

Gold recently won the 1993 Sandford Fleming Medal, awarded by the Royal Canadian Institute in recognition of outstanding contributions to the public's understanding of science.

Her science books for kids, published under the OSC imprimature, have revolutionized the genre. *Science Works*, published in 1984, set a new trend by tackling the scientific principles encountered in everyday life.

"In my books I only use equipment you can find around the house or in the kitchen junk drawer. The idea is to start with a regular everyday experience and connect it to a science activity that explains what's going on."

Her books answer questions like why frisbees fly, why pop cans are so fragile you can squash them in the middle yet they won't crush when you stand on them, and why you can blow bubbles in milk but not in water.

She's currently completing a book called *Toying With Science*, dealing with the science of children's toys, from kazoos to Slinkys, and her next project will be a science book directed at adults.

One of the things she's proudest of is being a female science communicator.

"When you think of people doing that kind of thing, you think of Carl Sagan or Bob McDonald. They're all guys. There's never been a Ms. Wizard."

She grinned.

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Harnick bill to fight hate propaganda

Charles Harnick

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A private member's bill that would allow individuals and groups targeted by hate propaganda to sue their tormentors passed another legislative hurdle last week.

Bill 56, An Act to Protect the Civil Rights of Persons in Ontario, recently received second reading in the Legislative Assembly with support, in principle, from all three parties.

Sponsored by Conservative attorney general critic Charles Harnick, the bill must still go to committee and pass third reading before it can be proclaimed into law.

The bill allows civil (non-criminal) legal proceedings to be commenced against anyone "whose conduct or communication promotes hatred of a person or class of person" or which "promotes the superiority or inferiority of a person or class or persons" on several designated grounds, such as race, ancestry, color or ethnic origin.

Harnick told the legislature that he has tabled the bill "as a positive attempt to fight the drastic increase in the spread of hate propaganda in Ontario. The increase of intolerance and racially-motivated crime demanded action."

Speaking in the legislature on behalf of the government, MPP David Winninger agreed that "for those people targeted by hate, the impact can be devastating." Winninger said the difficulty in framing a law that combats hate-promotion is finding "the kind of balance that Mr. Harnick speaks to between outlawing hate propaganda while at the same time protecting freedom of expression.

"Let me say that our government could be prepared to support this bill if major changes were made to bring it within the bounds of constitutionality," he said.

Winninger said the bill must be modified in a number of areas, including removing criminal (jail) sanctions (which are the domain of federal authorities), limiting the bill's application to public speech and by reducing the number of grounds on which aggrieved individuals or groups can sue.

Liberal MPP Alvin Curling said "my party will be supporting this bill in principle."

The bill varies from the anti-hate legislation found in the Criminal Code that was applied in the prosecution of anti-Semitic teacher Jim Keegstra. That legislation has been rarely used and requires the consent of the provincial attorney general to commence a proceeding.

The legislation proposed by Harnick would allow targeted individuals and groups, without permission of any law enforcement official, to sue publishers of hate materials and obtain civil remedies, such as financial damages.

"The government and the justice system have been unable to create an effective deterrent to [hate activities]," Harnick said. "Bill 56 provides society with another means to fight those who advocate hatred and intolerance."

Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said "I'm in favor of [the bill]. I think it was recommended before by Patrick Lawlor as group libel proceedings.

"I think it is a good idea and should be enacted. Groups now don't have a right to sue" others who vilify them, he added.

Kristallnacht anniversary to be marked

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The 55th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, will be marked by the Vancouver Jewish community at a public meeting Nov. 9 at Beth Israel Synagogue, 4350 Oak St.

Principal speaker at this annual event will be Rev. Robert Bullock, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Sharon, Mass., and past chair of Boston's Facing History and Ourselves Educational Foundation.

The meeting is under the sponsorship of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region and the adult education committee of Beth Israel. Dr. Ernest Forrai is chairing the organizing committee.

Since its inception 16 years ago, the Kristallnacht Commemorative Lecture Series has featured a major address by renowned scholars in the field of Holocaust research. The meetings "serve as a reminder of the last alarm left unheeded," says Forrai, "and are a warning that apathy still pervades the world when the lives of Jews and other minorities are threatened."

Bullock, a past director of the Catholic-Jewish Committee in the United States, has received awards from the American Jewish Committee and the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his work in education.

His organization, Facing History and Ourselves, has reached 500,000 children and 30,000 educators. The Facing History philosophy, he says, is "to move students gradually from literacy and historical examples of genocide, focusing especially on the Holocaust, to present-day experiences of intolerance and racism."

Many instructors, he says, regard the program as "a ceaseless process of education for themselves and their students."

Funding for the Vancouver program is provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, the Morris Saltzman Endowment Fund and Beth Israel Synagogue.

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Oct. 28, is deadline for Nov. 11 issue and Thursday, Nov. 4, is deadline for Nov. 18 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331, fax number is 424-1886.

Friday, Oct. 29

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., invites you to a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by **Glen Shear** from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre who will speak about anti-Semitism in the 1990s. For further information, call the synagogue office, 694-7942.

Sunday, Oct. 31

A TORAH VIEW OF DINOSAURS

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach Institutions, will deliver a public lecture entitled Fred, Wilma and the Age of the Universe: A Torah View of Dinosaurs, Evolution and Creation at 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. The lecture is open to the public and there is no admission charge. For information, call 886-5730.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood morning program **Leslie and Tom Schwartz** will be singing love songs of the Jewish people from the days of the Bible to Broadway. Leslie is a member of the Temple Singers and Tom is cantor at Temple Sinai. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 and the program at 10.

GAM-ANON

Gam-anon, a self-help group for those badly affected by a family member's uncontrolled gambling, meets weekly at 8 p.m. at St. John's Hospital cafeteria, 285 Cummer Ave. For more information, call 366-7613.

Monday, Nov. 1

HISTORY AND THE FUTURE

Prof. Desmond Morton, well-known University of Toronto (U of T) historian, author and columnist, will speak on How History Reveals the Future, 7 p.m., Arthur Kruger Hall, 119 St. George St., on the U of T campus. This free, public lecture is sponsored by Woodsworth College to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Millie Rotman Shime Pre-University Program. Through this program, individuals 21 and over, who do not meet the university's usual admission criteria, may qualify for degree or certificate studies by successfully completing one pre-university course. For more information, call 978-4197 or 978-2415.

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

The Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting will focus on Drug Interaction with guest speaker **Hannah May Keon**, nurse clinician Endocrine Nursing Education and Research, Wellesley Hospital. The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $1 CDA members, $2 non-members. For further information, call **Esther Schwartz**, 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

WHERE'S THE JUSTICE?

Where's the Justice?-Towards a Jewish Understanding of Suffering, a special public lecture by **Rabbi Motty Berger**, scholar and lecturer at Aish HaTorah Jerusalem, takes place 8:30 p.m. at the new Aish HaTorah Thornhill Centre, the Promenade Mall, Suite 303. Admission is $5. For information, call **Bev**, 636-7530.

FALSE GODS OF THE '90S

Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am joint study program, False Gods of the '90s, continues with the topic Democracy with **Rabbi Philip Scheim**, 8 p.m. at Beth David.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM

Beth Tzedec Congregation's Beth Midrash Program with **Prof. Arnold Ages** continues with Donin and the Practice of Judaism at 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

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The B'nai Brith French lodge La Fraternite monthly meeting (in French) will focus on Anti-Semitism Without Jews. The time is 8:15 p.m., 15 Hove St. For information, call 255-6086.

WHY THE JEWS?

Aish HaTorah, in conjunction with Network, Jewish Students Union and Jewish Students Federation, is presenting a lecture, Why the Jews?-Understanding the Reasons for Anti-Semitism with visiting lecturer **Rabbi Motty Berger** of Aish HaTorah Jerusalem, at 8:30 p.m. at the Aish HaTorah Centre, 296A Wilson Ave. Everyone is welcome. Adults $6, students $4. For further information, call **Bev**, 636-7530.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

GROWING AFTER PAIN

Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario invites you to family night on the topic, Growing After Pain, Surviving the Death of a Child with **Dr. Mark Greenberg**, director of Pediatric Oncology at the Hospital for Sick Children at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th Floor. For further information, call **Sheila Browne**, 667-8372 or **Maureen Feder**, 638-7800, ext. 302 (JF&CS).

PRIDE OF ISRAEL SERIES

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Like to learn new ways of reading and exacting old text? Read and Respond at the University of Toronto, invites Jewish and Christian adults to a dialogue, The Akedah in Jewish and Christian Traditions. Leader is **Chaplain Don Matheson**. Time is 5:30-6:45 p.m., Seminar Rooms 008-9, Northrop Frye Hall, 73 Queens Park Cres. E. For information and optional registration, call **Rabbi Michael Skobac** at the Jewish Students Union, 923-9861.

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The Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto meeting features **Dorothy Madgett**, physiotherapist, Dorothy Madgett Relaxation Clinic, whose topic will be Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques to Help Cope With Mood Disorders. Meeting takes place 7:30 p.m. at 40 Orchard View Blvd. Room 224C. Everyone is welcome. Non-members $2. For information about support groups, call 486-8046.

And What Else Is New...

CICF FUNDRAISING CONCERT

The Toronto chapter of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation presents its fifth annual concert featuring three award-winning Israeli musicians—**Yohonatan Berick**, violin; **Daniel Gortler**, piano; and **Zvi Plesser**, cello. Monday, Nov. 8, 8 p.m. at the Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. A reception sponsored by Ford Motor Company of Canada will follow. For further information and tickets, contact **Grace Brooker**, 921-2103.

DRAMA, COMEDY OF JACOB GORDIN

Friends of Yiddish (FOY) presents The Drama and Comedy of Jacob Gordin, foremost playwright of Yiddish theatre, Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m. Banquet Hall, Earl Bales Community Centre. The program includes *Trial and Triumph: The Life of Jacob Gordin* in English by his great grandaughter **Beth Caplan**; and *Laughter and Tears*, scenes from Gordin's plays in Yiddish by the Friends of Yiddish Players: **Hindy Abelson, Richard Bassett, Jack Botwinik, Ben Clodman, Eva Lang, David Newman, Bleme Steinman, Jeanette Stein** and **Rose Weisbrot**. The evening is directed by well-known actor/director **Nathan Garnick**. FOY members $3, guests $5.

SPEAKERS' SERIES FOR WOMEN

The Leadership Development Group of Baycrest Centre invites the public to three informal evenings offering a chance to learn, share ideas and ask questions. The first lecture, Understanding Why Children Misbehave: Alternatives to Punishment with **Beverley Cathart-Ross**, founder of Parent Education Network, takes place Wednesday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The second, on Feb. 10, features current affairs specialist **Erika Biro** at an evening's discussion of international news with the emphasis on the Middle East, and the third, on April 6, presents **Tim Tanz**, gardening and decor editor of *Flare* magazine, talking on Gardening Tips and Trends.

Tickets are $12 for one speaker, $30 for the series. To make reservations, call 789-7071 and ask for **Miriam**.

ART SHOW '93

Over 1,000 pieces of art representing the new works of 200 Canadian artists will be displayed at Art Show '93, a multi-media showcase and sale at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. All artists are from the Toronto area amd many are members of the Toronto Watercolor Society and the Beth Tikvah Artist Group. The show is mounted by Beth Tikvah Sisterhood and all profits will go to Sisterhood projects and to the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre-Children's Foundation.

The gala opening Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m. to midnight includes hors-d'oeuvre and Viennese sweet table ($18). The show continues Sunday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when artists will demonstrate their skills all day long. For information, call the synagogue office, 221-3433.

THE MAKEUP OF A JEWISH WOMEN

The Women's Division of Aish HaTorah is sponsoring The Makeup of a Jewish Woman: Inside and Out, a one-day seminar Sunday, Nov. 14, for women of all ages, traditions and lifestyles. Dynamic presentations and workshops will feature **Ilana Harkavi** of New York, president of Il Makiage, (Beauty, Brains and Belief); author and survivor **Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis**, founder of Hineni; **Sherrie Wise** (Intimacy and Ecstacy: The Jewish Approach to Sexuality); **Rachalee Brog Sacks** (Keeping Your Children Jewish-It's Not All or Nothing); **Sarah Chana Radcliffe** (1440 and Counting: Managing Your Time and Your Life).

Time is 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Baycrest Terrace. Cost of $36 includes light breakfast, sit-down lunch, and special gift. For information and registration, call **Shellie Grafstein**, (905) 771-0903 or **Bev**, (416) 636-7530.

HOLOCAUST SYMPOSIUM

As part of Holocaust Education Week, Beth Tzedec Holocaust Memorial Committee and Canadian Society for Yad Vashem are presenting a symposium focusing on the historical, psychological and so-

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NEW PRESIDENT

Sid Bearg (left), chair of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem and 1992 Boys Town Dinner honoree, congratulates new president Earl Miller. Miller, a partner in the Toronto law firm of Goodman and Carr, currently serves as co-chair of the Lawyers Division of State of Israel Bonds and in addition is chair of the professional advisory committee, UJW Bequest and Endowment Fund. For more information, contact national office, (416) 789-7241.

WOMEN OF SCIENCE

Seen at A Day With Women of Science, co-hosted by Weizmann Women for Science and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, at the Park Plaza recently are (from left) Raylene Godel, co-chair, Weizmann Women for Science; Rose Wolfe, chancellor, U of T; Marvelle Koffler, founder, Weizmann Women for Science; and Carol Gordon, co-chair, Weizmann Women for Science.

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ciological aspects with **Morton Manilla; Karen Mock**, director, League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada; and **Susan Abell**, director of Youthlink, Big Sisters Association.

The date is Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Co-chairs are **Marilyn Light** and **Miriam Goldbloom**.

NCJW KADIMA BRANCH

Kadima branch, National Council of Jewish Women, invites women, 30-50, to join the group for interesting speakers, discussions and friendship. Call **Susan**, 785-7428, or Council House, 633-5100.

WOMEN'S FOLKDANCING CLASS

A folkdancing class for women only (beginners/intermediate level) with Israeli and Chasana dancing is held Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. For information, call **Sophie**, 221-6280.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The Secular Jewish Association is holding a family Oneg Shabbat and potluck dinner Friday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m,. at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. For reservations, call (905) 731-7066.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, **Eli Rubenstein**, UJA director of Communications and Young Leadership Development, will speak on Taking Your Values to the Marketplace: Judaism's Approach to Doing Business at 10 a.m. at the Secular Jewish Association Staff Room, 131 Fern Ave., Non-members charge is $5. For reservations, call 491-7361. For information, call (905) 731-0766.

PHONE A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext. 261.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

The Koffler Gallery announces the premiere of The Modernists: From Rodin to Caro on view through Dec. 1. Curated by **Ihor Holubizky**, The Modernists exhibits 16 works from the collection of the Art Gallery of Hamilton in an overview of 20th century sculpture. A curator's talk with Holubizky is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.

CHAI SHALOM

Chai Shalom, a dynamic 55 plus group, has become an active part of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. The major aim is to provide frequent social, cultural and educational get-togethers along with a happy feeling of friendship and togetherness. These monthly get-togethers take place in the synagogue, 100 Elder St., at a very nominal cost to its members, followed by either light suppers or refreshments. Approximately 300 members have already signed up. Membership fee is $10. Contact **Molly Drykopf**, 633-1560 or shul office, 633-3838, for further information.

WOMEN'S CHOIR

A Jewish women's choir is now forming. All performances are by women and for women only. For information, call 635-8139 or 784-0495.

TAKE A SPLASH WITH AYJA

Take a splash with AYJA (Association of Young Jewish Adults) at the sunny Jack Tar Village in Puerto Plata Dec. 4 for one or two weeks, from $839 (taxes excluded). Call **Kim** at 886-0673 for information and payment deadline.

BETH SHOLOM CLASSES

Beth Sholom Synagogue is offering the following classes— Jewish Literature, Legend and Law with **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein**, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Nov.1-Dec. 6 (no background necessary); Trop and Torah Reading for beginners with **Cantor Israel Gutman**, Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Nov. 2, to Nov. 23; Book of Samuel and Kings with **Hanah Werner**, Thursdays, 8 p.m. started Oct. 14 and continues to Dec. 2 (Cost: $40 for series). Synagogue phone number is 783-6103.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups include— You and Your Aging Parents: The Sandwich Generation (discuss aging and changing, realistic expectations and new coping strategies, started Oct. 27); Parenting Teens (improve communication, discipline techniques and realistic expectations, begins Nov. 9); Widows/Widowers (discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and new beginnings, begins Nov. 8). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew, or in the Resistance, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Documentation Project would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony. For further information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

10TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

The Association of Administrators and Principals of Jewish Schools in Greater Toronto 10th annual fall conference is being held Friday, Oct. 29-Sunday, Oct. 31, in Niagara Falls, Ont. The theme of this year's conference is Shaping the Culture of the Jewish School. Resident scholar is **Prof. Bernard Reisman,** Klutznick Professor in contemporary American Jewish studies, and director, Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service, Brandeis University. Reisman is a noted educator, researcher, consultant and author on the subject of Jewish communal studies.

Prof. Reisman

The conference brings together administrators and principals of Jewish day schools and supplementary schools, representing a broad spectrum of religious ideology.

BONDS SPONSOR LUNCHEON

Nella Ya'acobi, wife of Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, will be the guest speaker at the State of Israel Bonds Women's Division annual Sponsor Luncheon, Tuesday, Nov. 9. Ya'acobi, who is fluent in Hebrew, English, French, Polish, Russian and Yiddish as well as conversant in Spanish, Italian and German, serves as the international chair of Nitzan, a volunteer organization for children with learning disabilities.

Nella Ya'acobi

The luncheon is being held at noon at the home of **Rose Ziner**, 33 Post Rd., Don Mills. For reservations or information, call **Gail Dombrofsky**, 789-3351.

for seniors

Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 and over, meets every other Friday morning, 9:30-11, in the Wagman Centre Boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. Next meeting is Oct. 29. For information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club luncheon Monday, Nov. 1, 12:30 p.m. features pianist/singer **Ella** and guitarist/violinist **Lisa.** North York Board of Education ongoing programs include exercise and yoga Tuesdays, line dancing Wednesdays, and music appreciation with **Mildred Bennett** Thursdays. For information on all activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Older Women's Network, North York chapter, presents Still Killing Us Softly: Advertising's Image of Women, a film featuring internationally-known media critic **Jean Kilbourne**, Sunday, Oct. 31, 1:30 p.m., North York Central Library auditorium, 5120 Yonge St. A discussion follows with a speaker from Media Watch. Admission is free.

November highlights at **Shalom Village** in Hamilton— Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m., concert with the Mohawk College Music Department; Sunday, Nov. 7, 12:30 p.m., deli lunch followed by reading of short stories; Friday, Nov. 12, 3:30 p.m., Shabbat with **Rabbi Zeplowitz**; Saturday, Nov. 13, 10:15 a.m., Shabbat in the Garden Lounge; Sunday, Nov. 21, 2:30 p.m., Simcha celebration of birthdays of **Helen Vine** and **Hyman Raphael**, with performance by Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra; Monday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., a tribute to **Fritz Kreisler** by violinist **Bill Walley**.

Funtime 55 Plus invites you for a fun-filled winter holiday at Colonial Inn, Miami Beach, for four, six and eight weeks. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Human Rights commissioner **Rosemary Brown** will open a one-day forum on Leadership Development for Senior Women at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., Monday, Nov. 1, hosted by **Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations.** Cost of $7 includes lunch. To register or for information, call 635-2860, ext. 462.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club happenings— Atlantic City trip Nov. 1-3; Saturday dance Nov. 6, 7-10 p.m.; a movie *Wabash Avenue* starring **Betty Grable**, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band Nov. 14, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; day trip to Phantom Hosiery and Canada Cup Factory, Monday, Nov. 15; North York Board of Education programs (bridge, fitness, line dancing, yoga) continue; a reminder about Chanukah tickets. Call 395-7881 for information.

North York Community House invites you to join in a seniors' outing to see *Jake's Women*, a **Neil Simon** play, at Stage West Wednesday, Nov. 10. For information, call **Rose**, 783-6096.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Oct. 27, a movie with **Shaike Hofir** will be screened. Call 783-9453 or 635-5604.

At the **Wagman Centre**— the next eight-week session of 60 and Holding, a nutrition counselling and weight reduction program, starts Wednesday, Nov. 3. 10-11:30 a.m. For details, call 789-5131, ext. 2267. **Leonard Rubenstein** will lecture on Take Charge of Your Life, Sunday, Oct. 31, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

A public affairs forum on the topic Do Seniors Have the Power to Influence Government Policies Which Affect Them? takes place Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1:30-3 p.m. with panelists **Larry Grossman, Gretta-Ridell-Dixon,** Pensioners Concerned; **Jennie Carter**, parliamentary assistant to **Elaine Ziemba**; **Morris Jesion**, executive director, OCSCO. Admission is free and the community is welcome.

A trip to Stratford to see *Gypsy* is set for Thursday, Nov. 4, departing 9 a.m. Price is $38. Bring your own lunch.

Florida vacations at two Miami hotels— The Caribbean Hotel $3078 Canadian, double occupancy, and The Shore Club $3104, Canadian, double occupancy. Price includes breakfast and dinner, return fare on Air Canada non-stop flights, and lots of goodies. For details, contact **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

The Volunteer Simcha Tea Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1:30 p.m. features special guest artist **Marvin Rosenshein**. Invitations at the Volunteer Desk.

The movie, *Cemetery Club* will be screened Sunday, Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m.

Also on Sunday, Oct. 31, dance to the music of the Creative Band 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch Program Department is currently accepting new and innovative ideas for programs. All interested instructors are encouraged to call immediately to discuss their program opportunity with program director **Rosanne** at 631-5658.

Volunteers are needed for the following North Y branch programs— Children's Chanukah Party/Carnival; Trade/Consumer Shows; Program Fundraising Techniques. Your assistance and expertise is most welcome. Call program director **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

The North Y Senior Adult Services Learning Experiences features Does Weather Get You Down? with **John Bart** of the Canadian Meteorlogical Network on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1 p.m. Room 202. Admission is free. For information, call **Yvonne Martell**, 636-1880, ext. 259.

Sunday babysitting began at the North Y branch Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children from six weeks to five years are welcome. This program is on a trial basis and subject to demand. For further information, contact **Sharon**, 636-1880, ext. 229.

Rosalie in Concert, a special concert for children 3-8 years with the ever-popular **Rosalie Moscoe** takes place Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Tickets are $6. Call 924-6211.

BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary new president Tobie Bekhor (centre) is seen above with vice-presidents (from left) Hinda Silber, Debbie Mason, Mimi Greenspoon and Gilda Goodman. Bekhor, a former president of Women's Auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital, continues to sit on its Hospital Advisory Board and board of directors. She is also a board member of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Her parents, Sydney and Florence Cooper are longtime active Baycrest supporters. In 1987 the Cooper family endowed the Sydney and Florence Cooper Rehabilitation Centre, and a sculpture called Passages of Life which stands in Baycrest's garden.

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Beth David president Leonard Goldberg receives a donor appeciation Dove Sculpture from Bernie Weinstein and Alex Eisen, in recognition of the synagogue's donation to equip a recreation room at the new Beit Halochem Rehabilitation Centre in Jerusalem. [Tom Sandler photo]

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Hadassah-WIZO to honor pastor

MONTREAL – Rev. James Leland, a United Church pastor at New Maryland, N.B., and unrelenting crusader for the past 20 years against racism and discrimination, will receive the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Canadian Award at the organization's 75th Anniversary Convention in Israel in November.

"Although by nature Rev. Leland is a very quiet and modest person, he is an individual who could not retreat and let the cries of racial discrimination and social injustice go unanswered," says Esther Matlow, national president.

The Canadian Award, established in 1979, honors a Canadian citizen "who has made a significant contribution to human welfare and the common good of Canada, Israel and our organization." Past winners include Hon. Flora MacDonald, Hon. Bill Davis, Maureen O'Neil (former co-ordinator of the Status of Women Canada), Hon. John Fraser and MP Bill Attewell.

The award consists of a scholarship given in the recipient's name to a worthy student at Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's Hadassim Children and Youth Village in Israel. The award recipient's name is listed on a plaque in the John F. Kennedy Library at Hadassim.

To be nominated for the award, a person must be proposed and recommended to the officers of the organization.

Leland, a native of New Brunswick, was instrumental in initiating, developing and implementing a Holocaust program for the New Brunswick school system, which is part of its curriculum. Through his efforts, the maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada (which includes New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Bermuda) passed a resolution declaring white supremacy "and all other forms of racist ideology and behavior" as being "un-Christian."

He succeeded in petitioning the Atlantic Ecumenical Council to condemn racism and anti-Semitism and to become active in this field. As a result of other of his petitions, the General Council of the United Church has prepared an official statement, for the national church condemning anti-Semitism, and this has been adopted also by the Canadian Council of Churches.

Currently, Leland is on the organizing committee and a panelist of the Canadian Christian Jewish Consultation, to be held next May in Moncton, a gathering which will deal with anti-Semitism and racism.

More than 500 members have registered so far for the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Convention which begins in Tel Aviv on Nov. 21 and then continues on in Jerusalem until Dec. 1.

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A.Y.J.A. (Association of Young Jewish Adults) pub night (ages 22-35) Thursday **Oct.28 1993 8:00p.m.** at **"Rocket"**120 Church St. (at Richmond) Cover $5. For more information. Call 760-4149.

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Mayfair West Raquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having its first singles party of the year Saturday Oct. 30. The action begins at 7 p.m. with a tennis round robin and a dance following at 10 p.m. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20 and $10 for dance only after 10. Reservations are a must for tennis call Marcia Levine at 638-1010.

Singles dance the night away on Saturday Dec.25 1993 at 8p.m. at the Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre 7601 Jane St. 1 block south of Highway 7 Cash bar Romantic champagne and midnight buffet. $25 in advance $30 at door. For more information call Zev or Mary at 660-9912

Sunday Brunch (restaurant) Oct. 31 11a.m. $7.95 Must reserve early. Sonia 445-8027

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Merchant of Venice gets mixed reviews

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A French-language production of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, playing at the Theatre du Nouveau Monde (TNM) until Oct. 30, has so far provoked little controversy and generally left the critics indifferent.

In fact, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has used the occasion as a forum for dialogue between Jews and francophones on the issues of prejudice and stereotyping that the play raises.

On opening night of the more than three-week run of *Le Marchand de Venise*, TNM artistic director Lorraine Pintal read a letter from CJC Quebec region chair Manuel Shacter in which he recalled that the play has been controversial because of the Shylock character, who "it is widely believed, reinforces stereotypes about the Jewish community."

While freedom of speech and artistic license must be respected, Shacter said "the legitimate sensitivities of the Jewish community" must also be addressed regarding the play, one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies.

He encouraged the artistic community to work "towards the promotion of harmonious intercultural and interracial relations."

Shacter quoted American author Philip Roth's new book *Operation Shylock:* "For 400 years now, Jewish people have lived in the shadow of Shylock. In the modern world, the Jew has been perpetually on trial...The trial which never ends begins with the trial of Shylock."

However, Shacter says the message of the play will vary depending on one's perspective. "It is important not to overlook the context in which the original play was presented."

First produced at the end of the 16th century, *The Merchant of Venice* reflects a society "intolerant of religious difference and particularly hostile to adherents of the Jewish faith.

"This was a society whose values were anathema to the principles of openness which are reflected in our contemporary declarations on rights and freedoms."

After the Oct. 19 performance, CJC and the TNM sponsored a discussion of the meaning of the play. Another program Oct. 27 will feature a panel that is to explore the play's relevance to society today.

Director Daniel Roussel had promised a production that would not offend anyone, even though it is an almost faithful translation by Montrealer Michelle Allen, because Shylock was to be portrayed more as a victim than a villain.

The lavish three-hour show did offend some critics. *La Presse's* Jean Beaunoyer faulted the producers for trying too hard to be "politically correct" and thereby creating "bastard theatre." He described the translation as banal, robbing the original words of their poetry and genius.

Shylock cannot be portrayed as a sympathetic character, as actor Gaston Lepage is trying to do, Beaunoyer writes. Shylock is "an ignoble being ravaged by hate and the spirit of vengeance."

But, his Christian accusers are skilfully portrayed by Shakespeare as being as treacherous and hypocritical as Shylock, which to Beaunoyer's mind is a condemnation of racism.

The Gazette's Pat Donnelly calls Lepage's Shylock "a foolish nobody" who cannot summon the tragic depth to adequately deliver the famous "Hath not a Jew eyes?" The translation is "flat and colloquial" and the direction "flighty," according to Donnelly.

Theatre Distinct, the University of Ottawa's professional theatre company, counter-production *Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice in Auschwitz* by Tibor Egervari opened concurrently with *Le Marchand de Venise* at Les Salles du Gesu with English and French performances over the following 10 days.

Alternative production set in Auschwitz

The timing was deliberate. "When the TNM announced [last spring] that its 1993-94 season opening would be *The Merchant of Venice*, Theatre Distinct found that it was its duty to offer concurrently its own vision of the play."

Like the TNM, Egervari says many productions have tried to "water down the Jewish monstrosity that is Shylock by making his opponents also somewhat reprehensible. However, the figure of 'the Jew,' compelled as he is by his irrepressible drive to destroy, is so powerfully drawn by Shakespeare that it always ends up by dominating the production."

Egervari's play, first produced in 1977, had recently completed a run in Ottawa.

While recognizing it as a masterpiece, Egervari — who is Jewish — believes the original *Merchant* has had a major influence on anti-Semitic mythology.

"*Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice in Auschwitz* simply aims at its subversion, underlining both its rare qualities and its dangers."

His intention was that Montrealers be able to compare "very different versions and form an educated opinion." (A review of *Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice in Auschwitz* will appear in the Oct. 28 *CJN*.

In Egervari's play, an SS officer in Auschwitz stages *The Merchant of Venice* with slave actors. Shylock is played by an Aryan, and the Venetians by Jews.

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Organizations and People

CJC, NAJC to honor late Japanese consul

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Sam Fishbain and his brother Israel obtained the transit visas that entitled them to travel to Japan, "we didn't realize how lucky we were," Fishbain says.

It was the summer of 1940 and the two brothers were young and on the run. Natives of Brest-Litovsk, they were fleeing the Soviet forces which were occupying the erstwhile Polish city which had come under Soviet control as a result of the Hitler-Stalin pact.

The Soviets, they had heard, were deporting wealthy people to Siberia and they, thanks to their father, a successful grain merchant, fit the bill.

Fleeing to Lithuania, which was then an independent country, the boys made their way to Vilna where they heard rumours about a Japanese consul stationed in Kovno who was dispensing transit visas to whomever requested them.

That was the first Fishbain heard of Senpo Sugihara, the consular officer who was defying explicit instructions from his government not to hand out the visas.

Sugihara's moral stance in the face of official policy is being honored by the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC), Toronto chapter and the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, on Nov. 7, at a tribute dinner at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

Sugihara, who died in 1986 at the age of 85, was recognized one year before his death by Yad Vashem as a Righteous Among the Nations.

A 39-year-old consul at the time, Sugihara was moved by the desperate plight of the Jewish refugees who were streaming to Lithuania as they fled the Nazis. Although his government opposed his actions and he knew his defiance would cost him his career, Sugihara issued 6,000 visas in a 19-day span before he had to close the consulate and take up a new posting in Berlin. Historians estimate that a further 25,000 escaped thanks to forgeries based on the original visas.

Fishbain and his brother were among the lucky 6,000. With the precious documents in hand, and already in possession of Dutch visas allowing them to travel to the colony of Curacao, the brothers obtained a Soviet visa as well. In the fall of 1940, they boarded a train for Moscow and from there, they hopped on the Trans-Siberia Railway for an 11-day journey to Vladivostok.

From there they travelled to Kobe, Japan where they met their other brother, Norman, who was operating a successful import-export business in Charbin, China. The three brothers survived the war in Charbin. Their parents were killed by the Nazis.

Following the communist revolution in China, they fled again and in 1954, Fishbain moved to Ottawa, where he got into the sporting goods business. Fishbain, his wife and two sons are planning to attend the dinner honoring Sugihara.

Sugihara's widow, Yukiko, his son Hiroki and daughter-in-law Michi will travel from Japan for the event.

As many as 600 guests are expected at the dinner, including Ontario Premier Bob Rae. Arlene Perly Rae and Judge Maryka Omatsu are honorary dinner chairs. Television personality David Suzuki will deliver the dinner address.

Ruth Alexandor, co-ordinator of the event, said organizers have identified 20 visa recipients who currently reside in Canada. A number of them will be in attendance, she said.

Sugihara eventually paid for his actions. Although he served in Berlin until the end of the war, on his return to Japan (after a 1½-year internment in Siberia), he was dismissed from the foreign service.

He then took a job as a door-to-door salesman. Eventually, his knowledge of Russian led him to Moscow where he served as the representative of a Japanese trading firm.

His story came to light in 1968 when he was tracked down by one of the people he had saved who was then serving in the Israeli embassy in Tokyo.

In 1985 a Yad Vashem medal was presented to him, the first Japanese to be so honored. Japanese television produced an hour-long program on his activities and a Japanese group later planted a grove in his honor between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. A "Hill of Humanity" was dedicated in his honor in his home village in Japan.

Harry Yonekura, vice-president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, Toronto chapter, said that as someone who was made a refugee by Canadian authorities during the Second World War, "I could understand how Jewish refugees felt. . . When I consider what we went through as a displaced person in our country, I feel good there was a Japanese diplomat who, for humanitarian reasons, disobeyed his government and wrote the visas that saved so many refugees."

Senpo Sugihara

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Deaf Jewish teen celebrates bar mitzvah at Temple Solel

By FRANCES KRAFT

MISSISSAUGA — Martin and Karyn Goldstein have good reason to be proud of their son Jason. A competitive swimmer who's wanted to be a veterinarian since he was six, Jason is an avid reader with a sometimes naughty sense of humor. Recently he celebrated his bar mitzvah at Mississauga's Temple Solel in a ceremony that had special meaning for both the congregation and the Goldstein family. Jason was the first deaf child to have a bar mitzvah at the temple.

Jason, who is totally deaf in one ear and has a profound hearing loss in the other, chanted his Haftorah in Hebrew and then signed it in American Sign Language. The Saturday morning service included a sign language interpreter and a slightly raised bimah so that the ceremony would be more visible to hearing-impaired guests. About 135 guests, both hearing and non-hearing, attended.

Jason's Hebrew language skills, honed most recently at the temple's religious school and with a one-on-one bar mitzvah tutor, were hard won. He learned the Aleph-bet at a Jewish day school in Calgary, where the Goldsteins lived until two years ago.

Jason attended the Calgary school, where he was the only deaf student, until Grade 4. During a recent interview at the Goldsteins' Mississauga home, using an interpreter, Jason recalled that some of the other children didn't want to help him or play with him. "They think if you're deaf, it means you're stupid," he said.

"The teachers perceived that Jason could learn the same way that hearing children learn," Karyn said. In fact, deaf children process information differently, making much greater use of visual information, she explained. (Karyn and Martin, who are also deaf, both teach at the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf in Milton. They also have a hearing daughter, Gayle, 15.)

Jason noted that deaf children can learn Hebrew very quickly, "because they perceive it again and again."

In Grade 4, Jason transferred to a local public school and forgot most of the Hebrew he had learned. It came back to him, however, when he resumed his Hebrew studies at Solel. The family moved to Mississauga two years ago.

Jason is now a student at the school where his parents teach, studying at a Grade 10 level. The only school for deaf children in Calgary when Jason was younger couldn't provide the challenge he needed, Karyn said.

The Goldsteins have always encouraged their children's involvement in the Jewish community, and when they moved to Mississauga, they approached Temple Solel to discuss their needs.

Jason Goldstein

The temple now uses a sign language interpreter on the High Holy Days "as a matter of course," Rabbi Lawrence Englander told *The CJN*. The interpreter is present at Shabbat and other holiday services as needed. "We feel it is their right to understand what is going on," the rabbi said.

On Rabbi Englander's initiative, the religious school students and the congregation have been taught to sign the Shema, and the signed version is now incorporated as part of the temple service. The rabbi notes that the signing of the Shema is a way of interpreting the prayer. "The sign for 'Israel' is very beautiful," he says. "It is 'the people of the Torah'."

There are about 150 deaf or hearing impaired Jews in the greater Toronto area. It's "a very nice feeling" to be living where there are other deaf Jews, said Karyn. In Calgary, there was only one other Jewish deaf couple.

Although Karyn would have liked to live in northern Toronto, with its high Jewish population and numerous Jewish facilities, the family's sunny home in a Mississauga subdivision is "perfect," she says, because of its proximity to work, Solel and Toronto.

Karyn, who was raised in a traditional Jewish home in Long Island, New York, is active in the Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf. She is an organizer of the upcoming Jewish Deaf Convention to be held in Toronto next August. She met Martin, who is originally from Montreal, when they were students at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

"Many hearing parents of deaf Jewish children think that they're not able to read Hebrew and prepare for a bar mitzvah," Karyn said.

Jason believes that it's important to keep religious tradition. He would advise other deaf Jewish children to learn Hebrew, keep going to services and to remember that "you can be successful" in preparing for a bar or bat mitzvah.

"It is definitely worth it," Martin said after the bar mitzvah was over. "All parents should give their deaf children the opportunity to experience either a bar or bat mitzvah."

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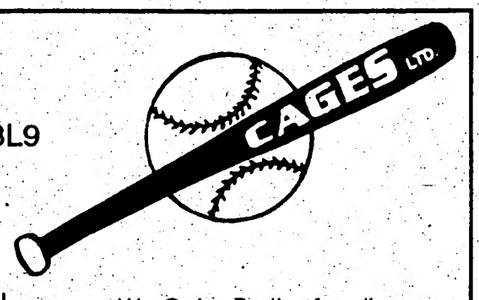

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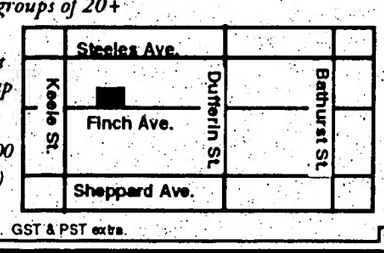

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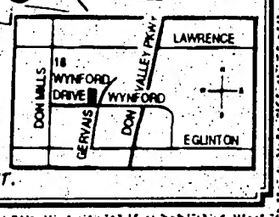

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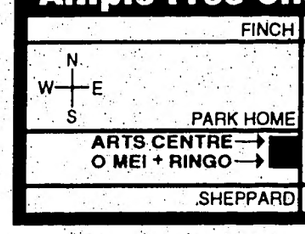

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Green realizes dream's fruition as Hamilton yeshiva expands

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — A gala dedication dinner for Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak — Irving Zucker College of Jewish Studies will be held on Nov. 7, at Adas Israel Synagogue.

The dinner will honor major patrons and the highlight of the evening will be a video presentation of the various donors' individual dedications, which took place during the preceding month.

Besides Irving Zucker, major patrons include Ben and Shirley Sauder, Beit Baruch Residence Hall; Harvey and Dalia Organ, Kohlers Recreational Centre; Joseph and Ida Snadjman, Snadjman Beit Hamidrash; Mark and Anne Mandell, Kaplan Institute of Talmud Studies; Margo Rethazy, Joseph and Margo Rethazy Science Centre; and Zoltan and Yetta Freeman, Freeman Institute of Social Studies.

Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with tours of the recently completed building, cocktails following at 5 p.m., dinner at 6.15 p.m.

A shuttle bus will carry guests between the nearby synagogue and the yeshiva.

Long a dream of its founder and dean, Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue, the yeshiva opened in the fall of 1991 with 15 students housed in temporary quarters.

A few months later, they moved into their own newly renovated building, a small former public school on a quiet residential street in Hamilton's west end at the foot of the Niagara Escarpment.

Thirty-five students were enrolled the following year; this year there are 66.

The majority come from the Toronto area; others are from Pittsburgh, Detroit, Buffalo, Winnipeg, Kitchener and Monsey, NY. And enquiries, Rabbi Green said recently, are coming in from all over, even as far as Los Angeles.

More space was needed and over the past year, a large addition with dormitories for about 200 students, a dining hall seating 300 and a gym have been added at the back.

Eventually, the yeshiva's $5 million, 10-acre campus will include sports facilities and playing fields, as well as faculty residences.

The two-story high central hall, with its surrounding upper gallery now glassed in, has become a Beit Hamidrash, lit by a skylight incorporating stained glass panels saved from the demolished former Adas Israel Synagogue on Cannon Street.

Also from the former shul is the wooden Aron Kodesh on the east wall, flanked by two striking full-length panels of dark green marble.

The yeshiva is the first in Canada to be established in a smaller community.

Deeply concerned about the growing threat of assimilation, Rabbi Green's aim was to establish "a yeshiva that will not only present our sacred tradition in its classic form," but which will also provide a college-preparatory general studies program to prepare students "to participate totally in all aspects of life."

North American Jewry "must not be permitted to disappear within the sea of assimilation," and what is needed, he says, "is an educated, knowledgeable, religiously committed leadership who will place traditional values at the very core of the Jewish agenda."

The yeshiva's curriculum will be linked with programs at nearby McMaster University and students will also be able to take a year of study in Israel.

Emphasis will also be placed on a strong commitment to the State of Israel and love and responsibility for the Jewish people as a whole.

The school's principal is Rabbi Hayim Soloveichik, a native of Chicago and the son of Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik. A former lecturer in Talmud at Yeshiva University, he received his MA from Northwestern University and smichah from Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Y.U.

Associate principal is Rav Sholom Richter and William Brown is principal of general studies.

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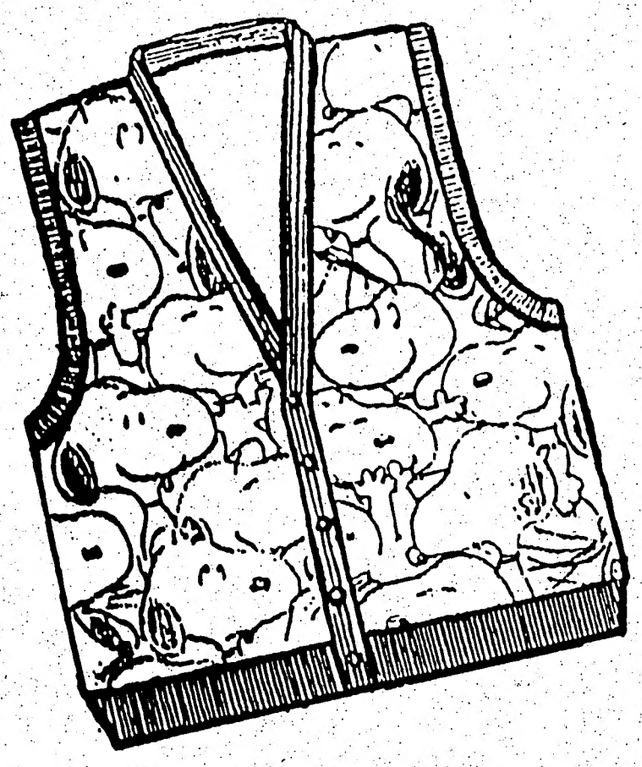
Cool Snoopy sweats

By AMY SATTIN

If you want to look like Joe Cool, try a Snoopy sweatshirt on for size.

Snoopy and Friends is a new line of men's casual clothing that features Joe Cool, the Red Baron, Charlie Brown and Woodstock, among others. The line has been brought to Canada exclusively by Pegasus Apparel Group Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of better men's clothing.

"Snoopy appeals to everyone. When people look at Snoopy, they smile," says Gary Shapiro, director of sales for Pegasus.



Shapiro says licensed products like Snoopy and Friends or Mickey Mouse ties are for the child inside every man, college kids and corporate sharks alike. "The most serious guys love the opportunity to have fun. When the economy is down, people are looking for a reason to laugh. They want something that'll make them feel good."

The Snoopy and Friends line consists of sweaters and sweatshirts made of 100 percent cotton in colors ranging from classic navy and basic black to jewel tones like royal blue, amethyst and jade green. The sweaters, which feature Snoopy playing sports or relaxing in a director's chair, retail for $185. Sweatshirts are appliqued in satin and retail for $85. While no doubt a perfect gift for Father's Day, Shapiro says women want to wear the garments too, although the smallest size currently manufactured is men's medium.

Pegasus, which operated as Pegasus of Canada for over 25 years, offers other Canadian exclusives like luxurious cotton polo shirts by Raffi of Italy, perfect for wearing under a sports jacket, and funky tops by UK costume designer Daniel James. Homegrown labels include Melvyn Paul, designed by Pegasus principal Paul Silverstone, and Vito Rufolo.

Shapiro says there will always be customers willing to pay for quality merchandise, and Pegasus is committed to bringing those products to North American consumers. "We will continue travelling the world looking for new lines. You can't sit back. You have to be constantly on the lookout and be ready to jump. It's part of the business."

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Just Kids eliminates stress of getting children dressed

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Finding something for kids to wear in the morning is often a task to test even the most even-tempered, so parents should take heart that clothing trends this year are simple.

Sylvia Saragossi, merchandising vice-president for Just Kids, Ontario's leading children's wear retailer, says this season's emphasis is on a limited number of colors which should take the guesswork and stress out of getting children dressed for school.

"Navy, forest green and cranberry are this fall's building blocks," she says. "What we are seeing is the creative use of fewer colors in denims, twills and corduroys. Everything is mix-and-match, right down to socks."

Just Kids recently ran customer focus groups to find out what parents and children are looking for in kid's clothing. They discovered that parents want their children to look neat and presentable for school but they also want them to wear clothes that are comfortable and utilitarian. "Kids still play in the mud," says Saragossi.

With 45 locations across Ontario, Just Kids carries top children manufacturing lines including Osh Kosh, Fisher Price and Bugle Boys for clothes that combine style, quality, value and durability.

This year, the cotton fleece, corduroy, denim and twill pieces are full and oversize. Textured fabrics such as suede for boys and lace and brocade for girls look great with regular or colored denims.

New this season are labelled denims. Labels that are normally out of sight cover jean pockets and jackets in colorful patchwork. Hoods are everywhere, from denim vests and jackets to swing coats and sweaters.

The preppy look for boys is very important and it is seen in navy, green and cranberry plaid pants topped with navy and forest cardigans. The perfect companion to these outfits is a 100 percent cotton, generous fitting turtleneck with lycra neck and cuffs for easy on-and-off maneuverability, in every color imaginable.

Girls look great in knee or ankle-length washable rayon dresses, plaid dresses and corduroy jumpers with co-ordinated henley tops and palazzo pants. Also popular are lots of two- and three-piece corduroy vest, shirt and skirt sets. Older girls might choose a classic Chanel-styled suit for special occasions.

Always aware of children's safety, Just Kids and Laidlaw Transit Ltd. recently launched an awareness campaign aimed at children aged 4 to 10 in order to promote school bus safety. The campaign includes the distribution of bus safety coloring books at Just Kids stores, as well as shopping centre demonstrations conducted by Laidlaw Safety Officers.

Chang launches accessory line

By RACHEL ALKALLAY

Canadian designer Simon Chang recently launched his first eyewear collection for women at an elegant reception at the Holiday Inn in Montreal's Chinatown.

Chang, one of the country's most successful designers, also launched his first jewelry, belt, scarf, and men's neckwear lines this season.

Garbed in black with gold studs shaped like stars, boots and pistols in keeping with a cowboy theme, Chang chatted easily with the hundreds of guests, nearly all of whom were opticians and optometrists.

Models sporting the latest Chang designs, reminiscent of the Moulin Rouge in 1890s Paris, casually strolled between the red-clothed tables decorated with black feathers.

In planning the eyewear collection, Chang discovered that many ethnic Canadians were complaining of glasses that slipped down their noses, were not sized comfortably for their faces, and did not suit their particular facial shapes.

Working with Renaissance Eyewear, one of the North America's top ten eyewear companies, Chang created eyeglasses to fit everyone.

Polysil nose pads, which offer comfort as well as grip, make the glasses easy to wear. Flexsure spring hinges provide flexibility at the temples and behind the ears.

The entire line incorporates Chang's fashion philosophy. "It has to look good, feel comfortable, and have a good design," he smiled. "Glasses have to blend in with hair, with the neckline, and be a part of the face."

The 12 frame styles in metal and plastic, plus nine sunglass styles, help the fashion-conscious woman complete her look.

"A highlight of silver or gold blends in well with the colors in the frames," said Chang, whose eyeglass styles are soft, not rigid. He said delicately-tinted lenses bring out the color in a woman's face.

Several shades are available, including plum, demi-amber, amethyst, lavender and rose. Color-tech tinted, the lenses do not fade with age or exposure to sunlight.

"It was fun to design the eyewear collection, and it was a great vehicle for learning," said Chang.

The eyewear collection is moderate to better-priced to fit any budget.

The Simon Chang Eyewear Collection is available at optometrists and opticians.

An off-the-cuff men's boutique

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Who says you can't buy an Armani, Valentino or Hugo Boss suit for about $200?

At Off the Cuff, an upper-end consignment shop for men, you can buy that and much, much more.

Owner Shelley Romberg, an interior designer by trade, says before opening Off the Cuff several months ago, she had been searching for a unique retail opportunity. "I had always thought of a high quality consignment shop for men and I was convinced to go for it after chatting with a man who said he would definitely shop at such a store."

She says a lot of her stock originally came from good quality stores such as Allen Cherry, Holt Renfrew and Harry Rosen. "We have a large mix of items because the clientele is varied. We get in everything from formalwear and dresswear to sportswear and accessories. We even get some brand new items in on consignment. A new shirt is sold much below retail prices."

Trying to describe the stock she has had in the store recently, Romberg almost didn't know where to begin. "We've had items from size 34 to size 50. There have been linen, wool or tweed jackets; sheepskin, raccoon, beaver or leather coats. A particular favorite of mine was a steel blue leather coat with a zip-out beaver lining. We've had sweater coats and a good selection of jeans including Versace from Italy. There has also been silk or wool ties, shoes and even some Cole-Haan boots which we sold for $50."

She stresses that customers have to "come in all the time and see what we've got. They have to be comfortable making an impulse buy although we do have a 24-hour return policy for a store credit."

Romberg says that in view of the economy, a shop such as Off the Cuff is really a necessity. A man can buy a suit for an important occasion for as little as $200 and then sell it back when he is finished. "I've had some men come into the store a little skeptical about buying an item on consignment, but once they've looked around and seen all the great things we carry they become enthusiastic and buy everything they need.

"It is a great way to save money and also make money on the clothes you bring in. Men can buy five or six pieces for the price of one new item and not sacrifice quality."

Off the Cuff is located near the Yonge-Eglinton subway but Romberg deliberately chose a discreet location at 5 Broadway Ave. for those who are shy about entering the store. Consignment is by appointment and all clothes must be dry-cleaned. Call Romberg at 489-4248.

Shelley Romberg offers a new approach to men's wear retailing with her upper-end consignment shop.

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Retailers display their finest holiday fashions

By DEBBIE HELLER

Grant Mackenzies is a menswear store that opened two years ago and as anyone who shops there can tell you, if you haven't checked the store out, then you're the one who's missing out.

Company president Meyer Katz says the concept behind Grant Mackenzies is to offer quality fashions for the price-sensitive yet status-consious consumer.

The store carries only known designers, often the same merchandise being sold in the best stores in Toronto. However, because of low overhead and large volume, Grant Mackenzies offers discounted prices year round.

"People are responding very well to the store," says Katz, "because they know that when they come here, they are not compromising quality for price. All of our lines are in perfect condition.

"At Grant Mackenzies, we take the $600 to $800 suits and discount them by 30 to 50 percent."

The colors for this season are muted shades and plaids in burgundy, blue and taupe. Black and white is also strong.

Dress suits have subtle patterns, and cashmere and wool jackets come in at least seven colors. These can be worn casually with a turtleneck or dressed up with a tie. The store also has a full selection of men's accessories including socks, belts and a very large tie selection. They also provide free on-site professional tailoring.

As an added incentive, the store keeps track of how much each customer has spent. Once they hit $2,000, Grant Mackenzies will give them a $200 gift certificate.

"We make sure that when men walk out of here, they are completely satisfied," says Katz. "We also offer an unconditional one-year satisfaction guarantee on everything we sell. No sale is ever final. If there is a problem with the garment, simply bring it back."

Both Eva Tchiprout and Karen Lugassy were in women's wear for many years before they decided to raise a family. They now have seven children between them and knowing what it means to clothe them, Tchiprout and Lugassy decided to open a store called Kids A La Mode.

"We carry boys' and girls' clothing ranging in size from six months to 16 years, consisting of mostly better casual and dressy clothing," says Tchiprout.

Their clothing is perfect to wear to synagogue every Saturday. They also carry dressy party fashions for evening affairs like bar and bat mitzvah parties and weddings.

Tchiprout and Lugassy went to France to hand-pick fashions by Miss Capucine by Cornelle. With designer fabrics and sophisticated styles, the dresses for girls sizes six and up avoid a princessy look. Kids A La Mode also carries silk taffeta, wool challis, and raw silk party dresses.

"For the fancy party dresses, we want to give our clients a chance to be exclusive. As a rule, we will only carry one or two of each dress," says Tchiprout.

"This way they don't have to worry about going to a party and seeing someone wearing the same outfit."

In the casual lines, a larger selection of sizes per style is available.

Kids A La Mode also carries a popular line from Miami called Dorissa. They specialize in various styles, from the modern bubble skirt dress to the traditional mid-calf gown.

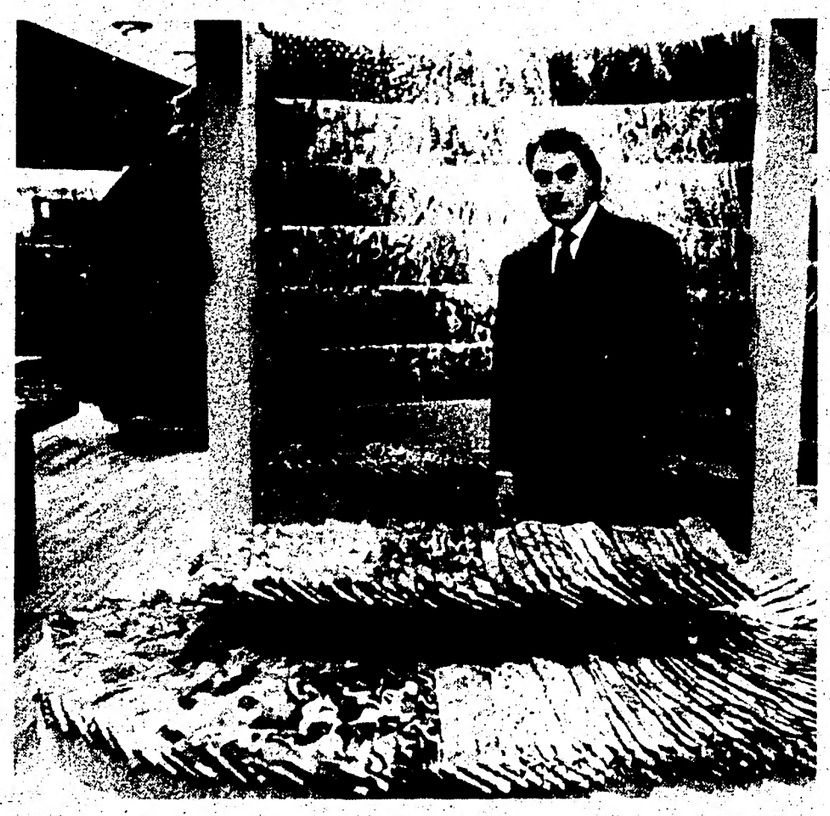
The price range is middle-high, with dresses starting at $60 to $300.

For boys, they carry casual clothing as well as a sporty/dressy wear that includes dress pants, blazers and beautiful shirts. They even have a small selection of dress shirts from Gianni Versace.

Boy's pants start at $30 and jackets are $95.

Kids A La Mode also carries accessories from socks and belts to hair bows and clips.

"We also have beautiful line of infant wear from Italy," says Tchiprout. The all-white clothing can be worn by boys and girls. The store carries one-piece jump suits in cotton knits with snaps at the back and the bottom. Some of them even have collar bibs made of organza, cottons or laces.



Shown here is Meyer Katz from Grant Mackenzies.

Jumpers range in sizes 0 to 12 months and cost about $80. They are perfect to give as brit milot and baby-naming gifts. Padded cotton pique jackets, socks, baby booties, ballerina slippers with matching head bands and beautiful baby blankets are also available.

Charity show offers runway gloom

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

I know it was all for a good cause but when I came away from the Holt Renfrew's Fall '93 Designer Collection fundraising event for the Toronto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada (JDFC), I had anything but a good feeling.

What was supposed to be an uplifting experience wasn't. As wearable as the garments were, drab and depressing was the mood of the show.

The fundraiser began on a high note. Attendance was good and Jeanne Beker, star of CityTV's *Fashion Television* show, was on-hand to host the event. Raffle prizes included a $10,000 fur from Birger Christensen and various shopping sprees at Holt Renfrew.

As always, JDFC did an excellent job organizing and orchestrating the event. The program featured 11 designers including Claude Montana, Ungaro, Calvin Klein, Chloe, Dolce & Gabbana, Sonia Rykiel, Jil Sander, Christian Lacroix, Giorgio Armani, Karl Lagerfeld and Donna Karan. However, when the lights went out, so did the excitement.

The show started with Claude Montana, who offered layered, man-like garments in shades of deep blue and grey and ended with Donna Karan's black, black and more black collection. Color was at a minimum.

Instead of the rich hunter greens, cranberries, spiced pumpkins and warm yellows, designers are offering dark, depressing and drab for this fall — as if things weren't bad enough.

On this occasion, members of the audience, many of whom were already wearing Holt Renfrew garments, looked better than the models. It's obvious that the more colorful outfits were left behind in the store.

Despite the runway gloom, the event successfully raised $25,000 for JDFC.

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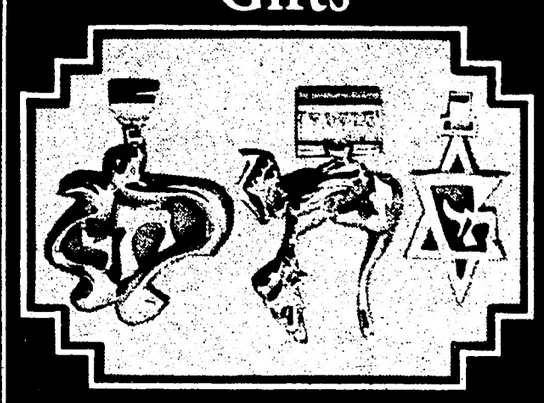

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This hand-machine knit, available in black, gunmetal and garnet, is available at Pastiche under the Helen Davies label.

Pastiche: Store benefits young Canadian designers

By AMY SATTIN

If you think fashion in the Great White North means blanket coats and sealskin mukluks, then a visit to Pastiche is in order.

Pastiche is a unique retail outlet for young Canadian designers. Founded six months ago by sisters Martha Charlton and Faith Robinson, the high-end store carries up to a dozen clothing and accessory lines in a co-operative structure. The exposure benefits both designers and customers.

"The customers love the merchandise," says Robinson, whose eponymous line Faith is showcased at the store. "You can't come in here and not find something that suits your style and your taste."

The concept behind Pastiche is simple. Designers commit to half or full display spaces and ship directly to the store, avoiding wholesalers. Only eight percent of sales are kept back to cover common expenses, and the designers are left free to concentrate on new lines.

Robinson developed the concept while at the Fashion Incubator, a two-year, government-sponsored program to help young designers get on their feet. "Fashion in this city is a struggle," she says, "no matter how big you get — unless you're Alfred Sung. You're putting out a lot of money all the time and not seeing it back for six or seven months.

"Here the designers have cash coming in, even if it's a little at a time, to help them through those gaps."

To help women through the cold winter, Liz Lant offers striking, 100 percent wool co-ordinates in scarlet, pistachio, mustard and black. Draped bodysuits ($165) top long slim skirts with tuxedo accents ($150) or sarong ties ($165), complete with tiny brass balls.

The Serraf line by Raphaella Sera is inspired by the 19th-century Romantic movement, with ruffled poet's blouses paired with riding jackets in wool boucle and flowing skirts in olive, black and burgundy florals. The look is elegant and elongating, with long vests and skirts creating a slimmer silhouette.

Less structured are the cotton-blend knits by Helen Davies in sage, cream, navy and black. With just a touch of lycra to give them shape, these pieces are designed for casual comfort at home or at play. All of the above fashions can be enhanced with accessories by Trish Rogers, whose work is worn by Jeanne Beker, host of the internationally syndicated show *Fashion Television*.

Like all new ventures, Pastiche has had its shaky moments. Designers have come and gone, merchandise arrives sporadically, and the second floor location in the Holt Renfrew Centre offers little in the way of traffic. Despite these problems, Robinson says sales have been growing steadily. "Customer response has kept us going."

Robinson says people are happier to support homegrown talent. "Customers go through the merchandise and find better and better stuff. They don't know the labels but they're excited it's Canadian."

Recycled designer apparel

By DEBBIE HELLER

Everyone loves to buy clothing but keeping up with the forever-changing styles is difficult. Even though the clothing industry has seen a decline in sales over the past couple of years, City Revival (920-9120) and Tres Cher (489-3228) have managed to come up with unique ways that keep their clients coming back for more.

City Revival opened at 123 Davenport Rd. a few months ago and they specialize in selling recycled designer clothing for women and men. They carry high-end casual clothing for men because they don't have the room for suits but they carry all kinds of styles for women.

Owner Faye Graham will personally go to people's homes and pick out designer clothes that she knows will sell in her store. Otherwise, people call Sandra, the store's manager, at 920-0512 to set up an appointment to bring their garments into the store themselves.

"I decided to open the Davenport location a few months ago, because I thought it was a very '90s idea and people are suddenly wanting to get some money for their clothing," says Graham. "For some reason, people find it easier to part with their clothes if they know they can get some money for them."

There are also four stores in total, including the new Davenport location, one on Queen Street East, one in Belleville and one in Picton, Ont.

Today there is a broader market for recycled clothing than ever before. People are willing to pay anywhere from 10 to 40 percent of the original cost of the item as long as it is in good condition.

Graham says, "We really look for designer clothing like Yves St. Laurent, Alfred Sung, Ultadini, etc., and take everything from party dresses to skirts, blouses, sweaters, leathers and denims."

Her clients also love funky, unusual clothing, especially vintage stuff. "Generally, we try to choose clothing for the coming season. However, I will take just about any season because I can store the items."

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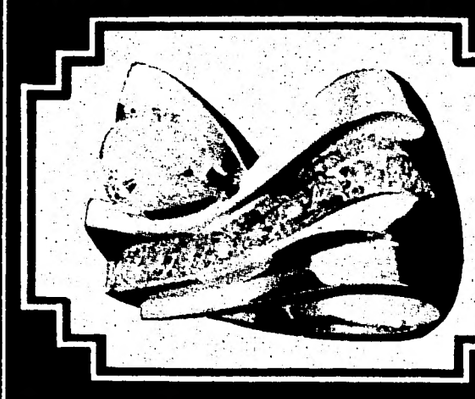

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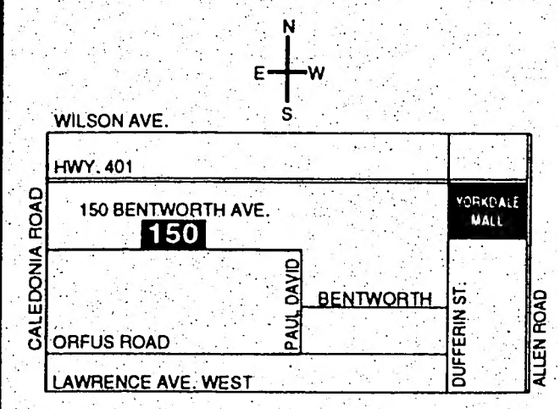

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Winter Fashion

Firm offers a realistic fashion approach

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Fourteen-year-old Ira Berg left Poland at the end of the last century and made the long journey to Toronto on his own.

At the time he could hardly know his destiny was to found a women's clothing store that would help turn Toronto into a fashion mecca.

Young Ira first worked in clothing factories on and around Spadina Avenue. When he was in his 20s, he opened his own factory where he manufactured coats. Thirty years later, at the beginning of the Depression, he started another business, one that would immortalize his name as a Toronto fashion retailer.

In 1930 Ira Berg opened a store at the corner of Yonge and St. Clair, the city limits in those days. Farmland stretched northward and Eglinton Avenue was just a dirt road. People thought he was crazy opening a business so far north, according to Ira's son Russel.

However, shoppers did arrive in chauffeur-driven limousines to visit the most popular fine grocer of the day, located nearby. Berg found a way to draw the grocer's customers into his new store.

"It was a simple matter for my father to track their licence plates to a name and address," says Russel Berg. "He was a very enterprising man, and he sent all those women letters asking if he could help with their wardrobe."

The original store sold coats, suits and dresses. Sportswear did not exist at the time. A dress sold for $15, a coat cost $18 and an expensive suit went for $35.

Necessary for winter is the poet blouse by Julie and Leonard. Available at Ira Berg.

After Russel Berg joined the family business in 1949, the store continued to buy their merchandise locally, from Toronto and Montreal. The business thrived and in 1959, moved to a two-storey building at 1510 Yonge St., just north of St. Clair. The store has been there ever since.

Russel Berg started exploring other fashion markets, travelling to Europe regularly on buying trips. He was one of the first retailers to introduce European fashion to Toronto. "My father had the idea to develop, we had to be different and develop something special," says his son Michael Berg, 37.

Ira Berg's customers responded enthusiastically to the imports, made by now-vanished Old World couturiers. One of them, Balencinga, is currently experiencing a revival.

Michael, Ira Berg's grandson, almost became a banker. A business graduate of Boston University and the University of Western Ontario, he had no intention of entering the family business.

After finishing school in 1979, Michael went to live and ski in the mountains of British Columbia. His father Russel telephoned him with an offer to join the family business. He accepted after taking a couple of days to think about it.

Frilly feminine blouse

Michael began at the bottom and worked his way to the top. "I started as a stock boy, doing deliveries, cleaning windows and changing lightbulbs," he says. "I still change lightbulbs but I have a few more responsibilities."

Michael became the vice-president and chief operating officer of Ira Berg two years ago. Along with his mother Noreen, he goes to Europe three times a year on buying trips. The hottest new fashion market they are investigating is Spain.

While his father continues to be involved in the traditional side of the business, Michael specializes in meeting the fashion needs of the younger consumer.

"We've always catered to the mother of the bride, but now we want to dress the sister of the groom as well," he says. "I've added new lines for women of my wife's age, and her friends. Now with our more realistic fashion approach and pricing, they can shop here and find just what they're looking for."

As well as being more price conscious, this new generation of fashion customer prefers to buy clothes when she needs to, rather than purchasing an entire new wardrobe prior to the season. She wants a winter coat in November, not in August. "So we're carrying fashion merchandise much closer to the season," says Michael.

Some high-profile designers will have their own boutiques in the newly-refurbished store. The 900-square-foot DKNY shop is packed with a large selection of jeans, eyewear, legwear and accessories from designer Donna Karan. The TSE (pronounced "say") cashmere boutique carries a collection of separates that start at $225 and run to $500. The denim shop offers a variety of cigarette thin, flared and bell-bottom jeans. The Giorgio Armani collection, which has experienced a 30 percent drop in its wholesale price over the past year and a half, also has its own boutique area.

Ira Berg's new evening wear boutique for the young and the young-at-heart features the newest in cocktail and evening wear, including tuxedo-style partywear and long lean gowns priced up to $800. Separates are still one of the key fashion trends in evening wear, with prices ranging from $200 to $500. There are wide, flowing evening pants, bell bottoms, vests, jackets and leg-baring multi-slit skirts.

The new femininity can be seen in Ira Berg's suits from Italy's Armani, Genny and Mariella Burani, New York's DKNY and Canada's Lida Baday. The suits gently follow the curves of the body with a swingy fullness in the skirt or trousers. Even pared-down menswear looks, like the banker-striped pantsuit from Armani, are feminized because the jackets and pants are made of pliant fabric. Jackets are softer with gently sloping shoulders.

The poet blouse, a frilly feminine blouse ruffled at the front and cuff, can be worn during the day and into the evening, which is one of the reasons it is the latest wardrobe essential. The selection of poet blouses at Ira Berg comes from DKNY, Blue System, Genny and the Ira Berg Private Collection.

For only $20 one can have the "poet" look without buying an entire blouse. Ira Berg carries detachable silk plisse cuffs that can be worn at the wrists under a jacket or as a flounce at the neck.

Key trends for this winter include body-conscious knitwear, coats and skirts with fringe detail and military-style outerwear.

Ira Berg continues to carry a full range of sizes, up to size 20 for knits and up to 18 for other items. "We're bringing a fashion edge to the larger size with the Versatile by Versace collection which goes up to size 18, and we will definitely continue to feature high quality designer clothing in larger sizes," says Michael. "We can't forget our established customer. We earned our reputation as a carriage trade business and must continue to satisfy our older friends, as well as those who are discovering our store for the first time.

"Both customers have things in common. They want personal attention, good quality and excellent fashion. No woman wants clothes she'll throw away at the end of a season."

Let the cool winds blow. Ira Berg offers a stunning selection of winter toppers that will keep you warm and with-it.

Trendier and funky

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City Revival will also take shoes, boots, scarves, head bands, hand bags and accessories including real gold and silver jewelry as well as costume jewelry. "Anything that the boutique won't carry, we send off to one of our other stores," says Graham. "I set the prices together with the person bringing the clothing in and once the merchandise is sold, I mail them a check."

If you bring your clothing in yourself and the Davenport boutique sells it, they will split the sale 50/50. If Graham has to pick it up or put it into the system, in which case it will be sent to the other stores, the client will get 30 percent of the sale price.

Just to give you an idea of the prices, handbags sell from $10 to $30, while suits, skirts and blazers range between $25 to $125.

For those looking for a pull-out-all-the-stops party dress, City Revival has party wear "at incredible bargain prices," says Graham. "We have some fancy dresses that cost over $1,000 when they were first bought and right now you can find it in our store for about $125."

Graham wishes it were easier to get people to buy used clothing. "I wish I could break down the barriers in people's minds about buying recycled clothing, because the styles are just as up-to-date as the new fashions in the regular retail stores and the ones that we carry still retain the quality of being brand new."

Tres Cher, located at 1967 Avenue Rd., caters to the infant, children and teen markets. It is owned and operated by Jerry and Myrna Cohen.

They offer an enormous selection of fashionable styles for both parents and kids to choose from. Styles today are trendier and funkier than ever before. Kids want the big over-sized look and co-ordinated sportswear. Instead of buying one sweater and one skirt, both parents and kids seem to like the fact that they can buy groupings.

"Our store is a destination store. Families will get in the car and drive to Tres Cher in order to buy a wardrobe or whatever their needs are," says Myrna. "It's not as if they walk in, browse and leave. They know that we have everything they're looking for."

Tres Cher is divided into five attached stores. Each section carries clothing from better brand name manufacturers for different age groups.

"The five stores are all intertwined so that you can walk from one into the other," says Myrna. "We have an infant store for both boys and girls, a 2 to 6x store for toddlers, a boys' store carrying sizes 2 to 16, a size 7 to 16 girls' store and a teen store.

Tres Cher has also come up with an innovative way to help girls aged 11 to 13 find party wear. The store will custom make suits, cocktail wear and evening wear from the selection of samples. "It really is an awkward age, so we have to improvise," says Myrna.

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Winter Fashion

Winter in all its glory is quickly approaching.

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Dehydration, which means a lack of moisture rather than a lack of oil, will be your greatest concern. This problem can cause many unnecessary tiny crinkles on your face, especially around your eye and cheek areas. It is a good idea to combat this problem immediately or even better, help to prevent it from happening.

This is a good time of the year to get a professional facial. This treatment will help to get your skin in good condition so that you can continue to cleanse, moisturize and exfoliate at home.

It is a good idea to exfoliate once or twice a week to remove any dead cells on the surface of your skin. This technique will not only improve your skin tone but will allow face creams to penetrate more deeply.

At this very dry time of the year, your day and night creams should be richly formulated and the use of an eye cream is imperative. Moisten your lips every night with either petroleum jelly or a lip balm containing vitamin E. Adequate sun protection is crucial at this time of the year, as we are getting both direct rays and rays reflected from the snow. Choose a day moisturizer with a sun block of at least an SPF of eight. I believe foundation should be worn every day. It will not only make your skin appear smooth and soft, but will protect your face from the harshness of cold weather and heating systems. Choose a color that matches your natural skin tone. Apply a small amount onto your fingers, blend gently and then smooth evenly over your entire face.

Blush can provide a natural glow. After applying your blush, always blend with a soft sponge or cotton. Rose colored blush is the most natural and effective winter color.

Eye shadow this season is a must. There is a multitude of earth and neutral tones available that will help enhance and beautify your eyes.

Most popular eyeline colors will be black, brown and charcoal. Apply your liner close to your lash line to help make your eyes appear larger.

Lip color again this season will include shades ranging from pastel beiges to deep burgundies and reds. Anything goes, but be sure to outline your lips with a similar shade of lip pencil for added definition and fullness.

Take special care and you will radiate through the winter months.

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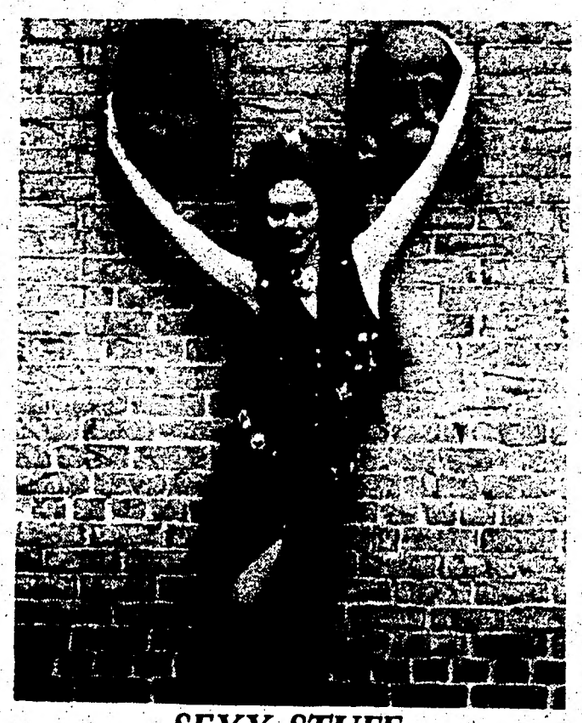

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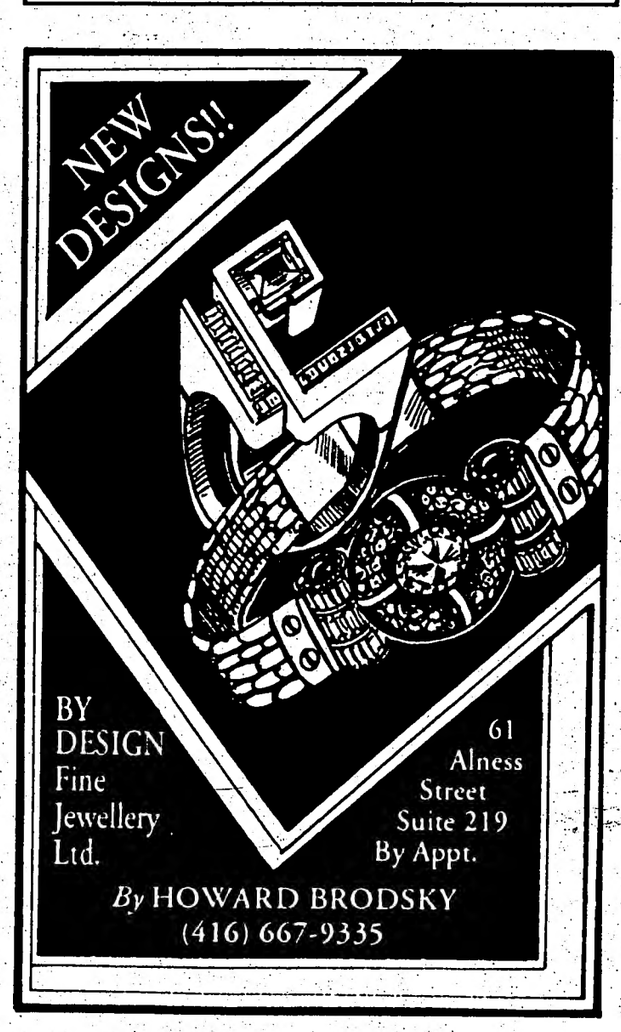

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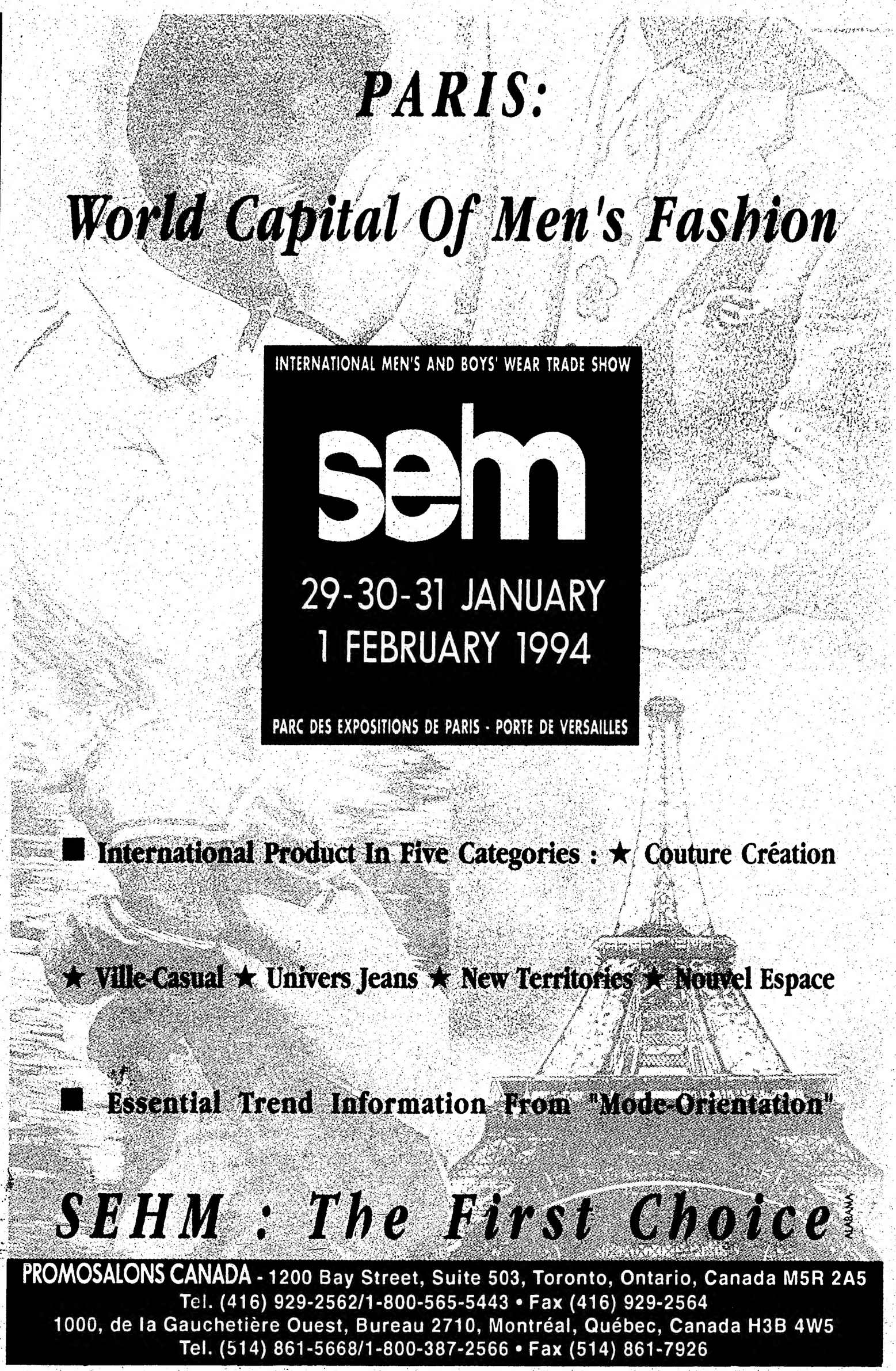

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Arts

Morawetz's unusual past credited for present success

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — Pianist/songwriter Ruth Morawetz, founder and artistic director of the popular concert series Classical Cabaret, is a shining example that life begins at fifty. Morawetz is also a feminist icon; after 23 years of being buried in the shadow of an eminent man, she has found her own place in the sun.

At 62, Morawetz, an avid skier, swimmer and sports enthusiast, looks in the peak of health and younger than her years. She also admits that she is having the time of her life being an integral part of Toronto's cultural milieu. Such was not always the case. For 23 years, she was married to esteemed Canadian composer Oskar Morawetz for whom she confined herself to the role of housewife, mother and hostess. When the split came, it was a nasty one; not only did the parents separate, the couple's two children divided their own loyalties, permanently damaging Morawetz's relationship with her daughter and causing a rift between Oskar and their son.

Morawetz met her husband in the coffee shop of the Royal Conservatory. She married at 28; her husband was 13 years her senior. "Oskar is a brilliant composer from a family of four siblings, all of whom are high achievers. I was a green country girl from London, Ontario," she says. "For over 20 years, I played the role of Mrs. Oskar Morawetz, but in my 40s, I began to realize that there had to be more to life. At the ripe age of 50, I struck out on my own."

The mandate of Classical Cabaret is an unusual one. Each of the six Sunday afternoon concerns features both classical and music theatre selections in an intimate setting showcasing the talents of Canadian singers, instrumentalists and dancers.

As a sign of Classical Cabaret's success, the series is moving to the 500 seat Walter Hall at the University of Toronto's music faculty because audience demand has outgrown the tiny George Ignatieff Theatre, its home for 10 years.

The path to Classical Cabaret can be traced back to Morawetz's own eclectic background. She trained in music pedagogy at Western University (where former Ontario premier David Peterson was one of her piano students). "I moved to Toronto because teaching wasn't my schtick and I wanted another career," says Morawetz. "I ended up working as an accompanist for every singing and instrumental teacher in the city as well as playing for performers in recitals. I learned to sight read anything that was put in front of me so I played for Shaw and Stratford auditions. Because I also accompanied Celia Franca's ballet classes, I also learned to play by ear."

A chance encounter led Morawetz to accompany Douglas Chamberlin and his Vaudevillians which introduced her to the world of pop music. It was in this milieu she learned to play a lead sheet, which does not contain notes on a staff but figured bass, or a shorthand notation indicating chords. This allowed Morawetz to master the art of taking a popular song and making her own arrangement. She also began to meet Toronto's top cabaret performers, and soon knew, as she says, everyone in the business.

Marriage, however, brought her music career virtually to a stop, although Morawetz kept her hand in by spending ten years at the Beth Tzedec accompanying original musicals put on by the women's committee and bringing in singers to perform for seniors groups. She also was responsible for organizing the Toronto Symphony's Preview Lectures, a get-together where performers meet symphony subscribers in the informality of a private home.

When her marriage broke-up, Morawetz decided to merge both parts of her career into Classical Cabaret. She went to the Pauline McGibbon Cultural Centre, then a hot bed of creative programming, and offered to put on Sunday concerts appealing to a wide audience. When the centre folded, she moved her series to the Ignatieff Theatre, widening her subscription base every year. "Very few people know how to play both styles of music," she says, "so I'm able to mix classical with pop. Audiences seem to like the gemish (mixture) although the critics don't know what to make of the series; should the pop critic or the classical critic review us? Musically, we're neither fish nor fowl."

To create repertoire for her series, Morawetz has commissioned eight original mini-musicals from Canada's top music theatre writers, and almost every concert features some kind of original material. An accomplished songwriter herself, Morawetz penned the signature tune that begins every Classical Cabaret.

Ruth Morawetz

Another part of Morawetz's interests is taking her shows to unusual places. She toured various mixes of pop and classical music all over Northern Ontario last year and this summer participated in the first Huntsville Festival of the Arts. Coming up is an invitational performance accompanying soprano Rosemary Landry in Poulenc's *La Voix Humanine* at a gala at the French Embassy in Ottawa.

Over the years, Classical Cabaret has featured over 300 performers, many of whom, like tenor Ben Heppner, have gone on to international careers, and Morawetz takes great pride in the young performers she has showcased. "I think I keep young because I enjoy working with young people and feeding off their energy," she says.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

United States: Essays 1952-1992 by Gore Vidal (Random House $49.)

The 114 essays that make up this mammoth volume of over 1,200 pages, covering 40 years of the author's work and thought, fall roughly into three major categories: literature, the public realm, and the personal life.

The material dealing with writers and writing is informed, gracefully presented, witty, and useful. Vidal is a steady and reliable guide through some of the world's most stimulating books — old and new.

He is also extremely knowledgeable about American history, with particular reference to Lincoln and the Civil War, and writes with style and verve about a diverse group of political personalities. He discusses with some fervor such matters as sex and pornography, homosexuality, the nature of public life, money, the Holocaust, and religious charlatans.

Many readers will find most provocative, if not downright cranky and opinionated, his views on a variety of controversial issues. He deplores, among other things, the American military establishment, the CIA, neo-conservatives, the presidency of Ronald Reagan, American imperialism, organized religion, the moral majority, academic historians and homophobes.

About drugs writes the author, "I would repeal every prohibition against the sale and use of drugs, because it is these prohibitions that have caused the national corruption, not to mention most of the addiction . . . repeal would mean that there is no money for anyone in selling drugs. That's the end of the playground pusher. That's the end of organized crime, which has already diversified and is doing very nicely in banking, films, and dry cleaning . . . As there will always he alcoholics, there will always be drug addicts, but not to today's extent."

On American imperialism: "we seized territories from Mexico, including California; annexed Hawaii and Puerto Rico and of course the Philippines, where we slaughtered between 100,000 and 200,000 of the inhabitants . . . we stole other people's lands, we murdered many of the inhabitants, we imposed our religion and rule on the survivors."

Is Vidal anti-Semitic? He has been so labelled by such wellknown Jewish publicists as W. Safire, M. Peretz and C. Krauthammer. The essays reveal that he has little tolerance for some Jews, and others, whom he regards as homophobic, intolerant and politically reactionary.

His favorite targets are Norman Podhoretz, editor of *Commentary Magazine*, and his wife Midge Decter, with whom he has carried on a bitter controversy. "Tact is unknown to the Podhoretzes. Joyously they revel in the politics of hate, with plangent attacks on blacks and/or fags and/or liberals, trying always, to outdo those moral majoritarians who will, as Armageddon draws near, either convert all the Jews, just as the Good Book says, or kill them."

Vidal too clever

Vidal is certainly no friend of Israel's. Once again, his antagonism seems centred on his distaste for political conservatives. In 1986, he wrote, "American Jews who should know better, have made common cause with every sort of reactionary and anti-Semitic group on the United States, from the corridors of the Pentagon to the TV studios of the evangelical Jesus Christers. To show that their hearts are in the far-right place, they call themselves neo-conservatives . . . all in the interest of supporting the likes of Sharon and Greater Israel as opposed to the Peace Now Israelis whom they disdain. There is real madness here; mischief too."

In response to Decter who wrote that "Mr. Vidal does not like this country," he countered, "Now that we're really levelling with each other, I've got to tell you I don't much like your country, which is Israel."

The truth is that Vidal, in any contest of invectide, is much too clever for the Podhoretz's and their neo-conservative supporters and that his animus against Jews/Israel seems as much a matter of pique as a deeply held point of view.

What does one do about life's essential and ultimate absurdity? "Because there is no cosmic point to the life that each of us perceives on this distant bit of dust at galaxy's edge, all the more reason for us to maintain in proper balance what we have here. Because there is nothing else. Nothing. This is it. And quite enough, all in all."

Here is a trove of stimulating reading — not to be swallowed uncritically or always perused approvingly — by one of America's most infuriating and entertaining essayists.

Jewish, Japanese music contrasted

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —It may seem odd that there is a model of a koto, a Japanese floor harp, in a synagogue but it makes perfect sense to Ben Steinberg, musical director of Temple Sinai, in whose office the model koto is located.

After giving concerts on the music of the Jewish people in three Japanese cities last year, Tokyo, Takamatzu and Oyama, Steinberg developed an avid interest in Japanese music.

In fact, the 24th year of Temple Sinai's musical legacy series leads off Nov. 5 with an illustrated lecture by Steinberg comparing Jewish and Buddhist chants and recitals by two Toronto musicians playing Japanese instruments.

Koto Master Linda Caplan will play the koto and Debbie Danbrook will play the shakuhachi, a bamboo flute.

Next June 4, the Shinonome Choir of Japan will give a return concert of Jewish and Japanese music at Temple Sinai as part of the musical legacy series. The choir was a big hit in its first appearance at the temple. The choristers will again be billeted with temple members.

The second concert of the series, Jan. 21, will be a Shabbat Shira concert, with temple choirs, and Cantor Thomas Schwartz as soloist, in a program of contemporary Jewish compositions by living composers. The featured work will be *Life's Journey*, by Louis Applebaum, commissioned for this event.

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Eye on Arts

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood will present its Art Show '93 on Nov. 6-7 at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. This one and a half day show and sale will include works by the Toronto Watercolour Society, Beth Tikvah Artists Group and other hand-picked Ontario artists.

A total of 200 artists will display over 1,000 pieces of art in a multi-media showcase including sculptures, oils, pastels, watercolors, ceramics, pottery, textile art and Judaica. All profits from the show will go to Sisterhood projects and to the Hugh Macmillan Rehabilitation Centre Children's Foundation.

For further information, call 221-3433.

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Beth Tikvah Artist together with Beth Tikvah Synagogue is currently showcasing sculptor Edie Harlang until Nov. 15.

Harlang carves alabaster and marble, at times selecting a stone to enhance a certain concept but often allowing the shape and feel of a stone to suggest a theme or design.

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The Toronto chapter of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation will present three award-winning classical musicians at the Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m.

Winner of many awards, violinist Yohanatan Berick is currently artist-in-residence at McGill University and is a member of the McGill Chamber Ensemble. Daniel Gortler, pianist, who resides in Israel will appear with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra this year. Rounding out the trio is cellist Zvi Plesser, who resides in New York.

For further information call Grace Brooker at 921-2103.

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The Koffler Gallery is currently displaying The Modernists: From Rodin to Caro. Curated by Ihor Holubizky, The Modernists exhibits 16 works selected from the Collection of the Art Gallery of Hamilton in an overview of 20th century sculpture, tracing its evolution from informal figuration to abstraction.

Holubizky will give a curator's talk on Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

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The Canadian premiere of Cavalcade 93 will take place on Oct. 29 and 30 at Massey Hall.

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The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band will perform at University of Toronto's Walter Hall in the Edward Johnson Building on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

The popular klezmer ensemble will also give a noontime concert on the Waterfall stage in the atrium of First Canadian Place on Dec. 8; will perform at Harbourfront's Water's Edge Cafe on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.; and will be shakin' down the New Year at First Night on Dec. 31.

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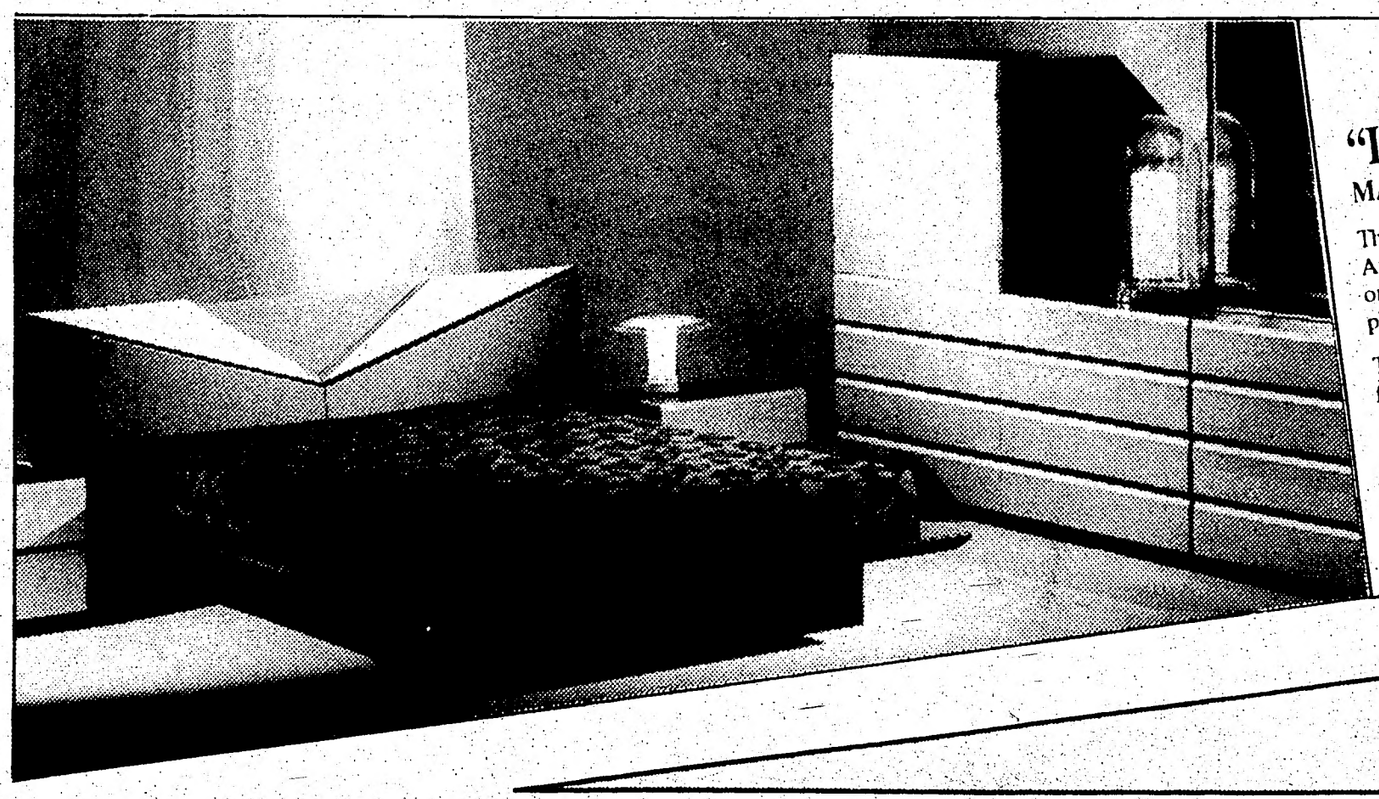

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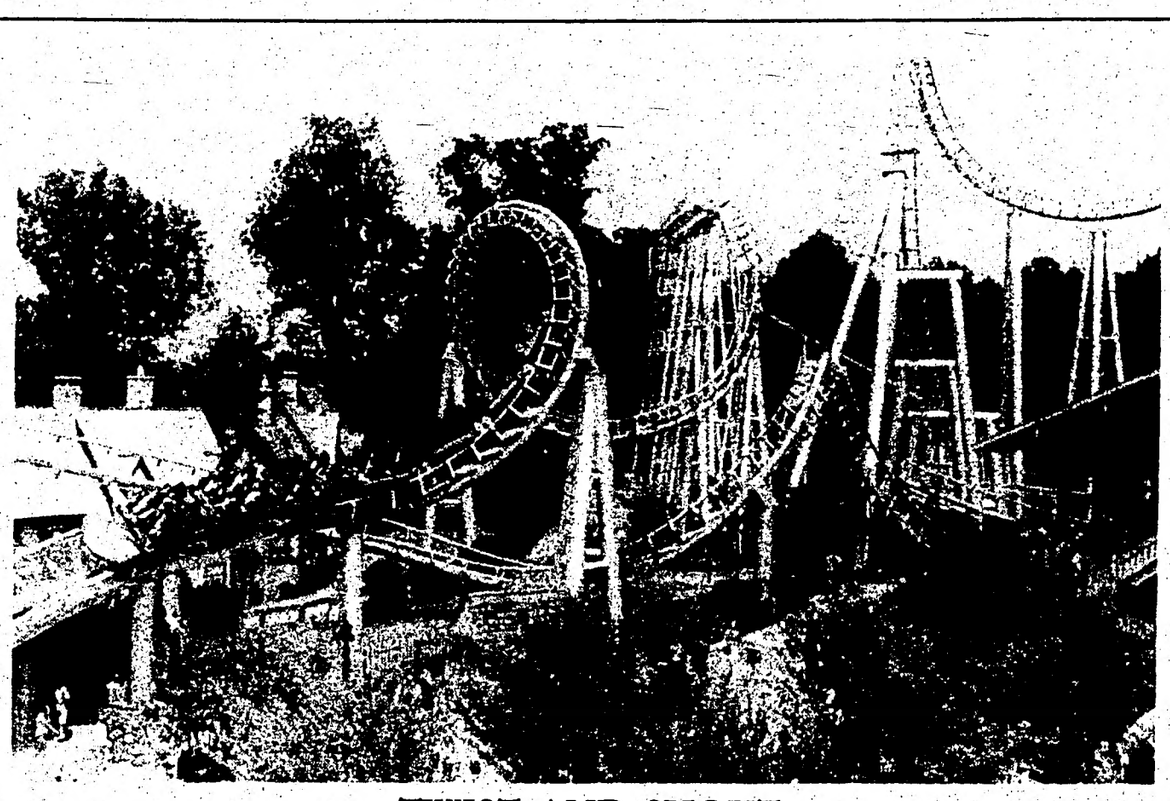

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Despite the trouble train's the only way to tour Ukraine

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

KIEV, Ukraine — Trains are alluring and romantic, at least in the movies and in novels. But in the real world, riding the rails can be inconvenient, even downright uncomfortable, especially in an economically-depressed country like Ukraine.

My plan called for visiting four Ukrainian cities, in addition to Kiev, but how could it be done in this former Soviet republic roughly the size of France?

A car was out of the question because gasoline is rationed and the roads are poor. Airplane travel was excluded because it has become notoriously unreliable and, for a foreigner, too costly. I had flown to Kiev with Lufthansa, an eminently reliable airline. But, unfortunately, Lufthansa has no internal flights in Ukraine.

So I was stuck with the train, which, despite its disadvantages, was said to be fairly dependable and inexpensive. To save time, I decided to use night trains.

My introduction to the Ukrainian railway system was Kiev's railroad station. I was not impressed. Dim, chaotic, dilapidated and dense with harried travellers, it smelled of stale, acrid cigarette smoke and sweat. Pausing under a statue of Lenin, I saw a man lugging a sack of potatoes over his shoulders.

My first destination was Kharkiv (Kharkov), some 400 kilometres east of Kiev. The bunk bed in my compartment was outlandishly narrow, but why complain? There was no alternative. Besides, it would be a new experience. I had not had the honor of sleeping on a train. My companion and guide, Anatoly Tsukerman, administrator of the Organization of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Ukraine, chuckled as I skeptically sized up my bunk.

I tossed and turned — trying, without success, to stretch my legs. In desperation, I curled up, finally drifting off with the clacky-clack motion of the carriage. My sleep was less than sound. Throughout the wee hours of the night, the train lurched to a shuddering stop several times.

In the morning, I headed for the bathroom, taking my turn in a queue of weary-looking souls. The toilet was appalling. The stench was unbearable. The floor was wet and slimy. Of course, the window wouldn't open. This, I would learn in the days ahead on other trains, was normal.

Two nights later, I was bound for the Black Sea port of Odessa. The coupe was cold, then too warm. A stocky woman dispensed blankets and sheets, and shortly afterward, a porter came by with hot tea. Ukrainian trains have no food service, so it's advisable to bring your own supplies. That night, I feasted on chewy, delicious black bread and cottage cheese.

On the run from Odessa to Chernovsty (Czernowitz), I shared a coupe with two friendly Ukrainian army officers — Sergei, a colonel, and Viktor, a lieutenant-colonel. They offered to share their supper with me, but I was well provided for. In Odessa, I had purchased smoked fish, a loaf of bread, cucumbers, tomatoes and pop.

Through Nina, a Russian translator who accompanied me on part of the trip, the officers and I discussed politics and life in the ex-Soviet Union.

The route took us through Moldavia, which had been torn by civil war earlier in the year. The train stopped in Bendery, the scene of fierce fighting, and in Kishinev, the site of an infamous 1903 pogrom.

Calling card demanded

Soon after Nina and I boarded the train to Lviv (Lvov), a Jewish student I had met briefly in Chernovsty burst into our compartment and, in frantic, broken English, demanded my calling card. After he left, Nina claimed he was a KGB agent. I'll probably never know.

On the final leg of my journey, from Lviv to Kiev, I fell into a deep slumber, feeling the effects of a developing cold. I was so tired and stiff that I did not even bother changing into pajamas.

I felt mixed emotions as we pulled into Kiev on a gray, drizzly morning. I was relieved that a seemingly endless journey had finally ended. Yet I was a little triumphant. I had survived.

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Activities await snowbirds as they prepare to head south

TORONTO — Snowbirds, Winter Conchs, Seniors on the Move, call them what you will, winter is waiting in the wings and Canadians are beginning to plan their annual escape to the sun.

The major migration route that central Canadians take to avoid the snowy blast is along the ultra-modern I-75 Highway. This safe, well maintained freeway is an oft travelled trail that passes through Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and on to the wide open white sand beaches of Florida.

As most seasoned travellers know, getting to a destination is half the fun of a holiday. There are a vast range of activities occurring near almost every U.S. highway off-ramp along the I-75. Snowbirds hankering for a break from the drudgery of long distance driving should consider adding the following interesting diversionary stopovers to their fall and winter itineraries.

Of course a journey from the snowbelt to orange grove country could never happen if it wasn't for the inventive work of the late Henry Ford and his mass produced automobile, the Model T. What better place to make that first U.S. stop than at Michigan's Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum? Located outside of Detroit north of the intersection of I-75 and the Southfield Freeway, this 240 acre site is considered to be the United States' greatest indoor-outdoor museum complex.

Included on the grounds is the vast Henry Ford Museum which houses an unmatchable collection of antique cars in a hall larger than six football fields! The holiday season begins at the Henry Ford Museum Nov. 26 and continues until the New Year. During this festive period the museum is transformed into a fanciful gingerbread village complete with toy trains that will amuse young and old alike.

For further information please contact the Henry Ford Museum, in Dearborn at (313) 271-1620.

"Miami is just a comfortable drive from Ontario, you say? Nonsense." Well no, not if one is travelling along I-75 through the State of Ohio. Miami County sits dab in the middle of the Buckeye State, at the crossroads of I-75 and 70.

Northern visitors honored

The Visitors and Convention Bureau has noticed that Canadians enjoy stopping in this historic community while enroute to that other Miami in the south. In September the county decided to honor its northern visitors by proclaiming Miami County to be the "Official Stopover For Canadians." The business leaders of Piqua, Troy and Tipp City have put together a brochure outlining the many commercial and historic attractions in the county. One could easily stay a week — close by are historic farms to tour, a section of the 1845 Miami and Erie Canal has been restored and turned into a living museum, "America's most colorful caverns," the Ohio Caverns, are open for inspection as are two 114-year-old chateaus (Castle Piqua Mac-A-Cheek and Castle Mac-O-Chee).

To receive a copy of this brochure and to find out more about Ohio contact the State of Ohio's travel information line at (800) Buckeye or the Miami County Visitors and Convention Bureau at (800) 348-8993.

A traveller's first clue that the south is approaching is a change in the weather. The moderate climate of Kentucky means roll-the-window-down times are here. Canadians wanting to spend some time in the Blue Grass state should consider a stopover in the picturesque and historic college community of Berea.

Berea, located on I-75 at exit 76, hugs the edge of the Cumberland Foothills. What will be of keen interest to Canadians with a love of the arts, is that the small city has been designated the 'Folk Arts and Crafts Capital' of Kentucky.

The Berea College and Appalachian Museum displays the works of the student and many professional Appalachian artisans working in the area. Since 1993 is the Pan-American celebration for the 'Year of American Craft,' special demonstrations and exhibits are taking place each weekend throughout the fall. The college is offering free tours of its studios Monday to Saturdays.

There are fine hotels in the town including the historic Boone Tavern Hotel. Named after American folk hero Daniel Boone, the 59 room inn and 200 seat restaurant is maintained in a gracious Southern style. For further information contact Berea College Tours at (606) 986-9341 and the Boone Tavern Hotel, Berea, Kentucky at (606) 986-9358.

Once in Georgia, known as the Peach State, experienced travellers have learned that during the busy weekday using the well marked Highway 285E By-Pass is the route of choice to circle the bustling city of Atlanta. Not only does the beltway take Canadians out of the heavy flow of rush hour traffic but it also gives vacationers the chance to visit the Georgia Stone Mountain Park where many of the 1996 Olympic Games will be staged.

Shells, shells everywhere on Sanibel

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

SANIBEL ISLAND, Florida — The Sanibel Stoop comes naturally to visitors of all ages. Was there ever a human being who could resist picking up treasure piled at one's feet?

On Sanibel the treasure is shells . . . miles and miles of shells of all varieties. It is one of the few places in the world where the stroller doesn't feel guilty feeling them crunch underfoot because there are so many.

Sanibel's twin, Captiva, is joined by Blind Pass Causeway. Anne Morrow Lindbergh wrote her best-selling *Gifts From The Sea* on Captiva without identifying the island by name. That's the way it goes in this area, one of Florida's most special. Everyone wants to keep this eighteen-mile gem a secret.

The island has one of the three best shelling beaches in the world. It contains 400 species, including tiger's eyes, kitten paws, angel wings and ladies' ears. The most sought-after shell is the huge Florida horse conch. If you miss finding one, you can always cheat. Sanibel is loaded with shell stores, so you can fool friends back home with your "finds."

Bowman's Beach is one of the two best places for shelling. The other is Lighthouse Beach at the southern tip. The lighthouse was constructed in 1884 when the entire island was a wildlife refuge. Its colorfulness is usually abetted by a nosey pelican or two who likes to keep abreast of what's going on in the neighborhood.

Strangely enough, Sanibel's backbone is the invertebrates. The beaches face south instead of west and abound in mollusks. The tides are responsible for blanketing the beaches with shells. Each wave brings in more rainbow-colored coquinas, brilliant yellows deep pink, and lavender, which add to the shell "mountains."

Early in the year, storms wash up fresh shells from beds far offshore, adding ever more varieties to the beach.

Bird-watchers find equal pleasure on Sanibel. Egrets can often be seen striding gracefully along roadsides, and migratory birds like tree swallows, cardinals and indigo buntings come in droves throughout the winter. The best place to bird-watch is in the 3,000 acre Darling Preserve, cut by a pleasant five mile drive. The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation offers guide service, but independent driving allows visitors to spot on their own flamingoes, double-crested cormorants, blue-winged teals and alligators.

A drive along Sanibel's waterfront is also delightful. In some places the road is lined by stunning eucalyptus trees; in others, one gets a clear view of the water and beach. Tropical lushness is prevalent. Bougainvillea, hibiscus, and poinsettia are everywhere.

Natural sights go hand in hand with scientific ones in nearby Ft. Myers. Thomas Alva Edison's home, laboratory, and museum are a must, as hundreds of daily guests can attest. Most people have the idea that he only invented the light bulb, but Edison held patents for 1,093 items! Growing fondness for Victoriana has visitors sighing over the most nostalgic pale green and pink rooms filled with outstanding wicker furniture.

The garden contains over a hundred varieties of exotic plants and trees. Orchids fasten themselves to unusual ear trees, whose pods resemble human ears.

Getting there: Eastern Express flies to Fort Myers from Miami three times daily. The 50-minute flight stops in Naples enroute. One can drive to Sanibel from Miami in three hours.

Staying there: There are accommodations to match all budgets. There is a Hilton and Ramada Hotel. Apartments are available for rent through Priscilla Murphy Realty (813) 472-1511, or John Naumann Assoc. (800) 282-0360.

Sonesta: 15610 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers 33908 Fla. (813) 466-4000. Rates from March 31-Sept. 4 are: one bed, $170-$195; two bed: $220-245. Penthouses available.

Sundial: 1451 Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel 33957, Fla. (813) 472-4156. Rates from Feb. 5-April 7: one bed, $220; two bed, $270. April 10-Dec. 24: one bed, $120; two bed $160. Special weekly prices out of season.

Casa Ybel: 2255 Gulf Drive; Sanibel 33957, Fla. (813) 472-3145. Same rates as Sundial. **Note:** Above resorts offer special packages for tennis, golf and spa.

Jensens: Captiva Island 33924, POB 460 (813) 472-4684. One bedroom cottage: summer $50-$60; winter $65-$80.

Car rentals: Budget Car: Ft. Myers S.W. Florida Regional Airport.

Bicycles: Finnimore's Cycle Shop, 1223 Perwinkle, Sanibel. Seven dollars for 14 hours or $28 a week.

Boat trips: Island Cruise (813) 472-5463. Luncheon cruises, fishing cruises, charter boats. Mike Fuiery (813) 472-3459. Fuiery is a shelling expert who runs trips to Cayo Costa and North Captive Island.

More information: Lee County Tourist Development Council, 2126 First Street, POB 2445, Fort Myers, Fla. 33902-2445 (800) 237-6444.

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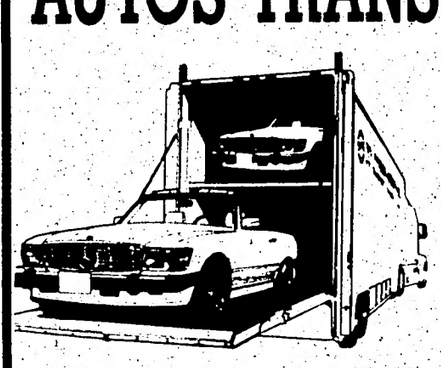
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Environmental Mission

TORONTO — The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce will be taking an environmental trade mission to Israel Nov. 28 through to Dec. 3.

The mission, supported by the Middle East Trade Development division of External Affairs Canada, has attracted participants from across Canada including leading companies involved in waste management, air pollution monitoring, water management, tire recycling and environmental engineering.

For more information call the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce at 961-7302.

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Investment Funds

TEL AVIV — Poalim Capital Markets and Investments Ltd., a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest banking group, recently completed a private placement with institutional and individual investors to establish the Star Investments Fund.

The Israeli government-owned investment company, Yozma, has also invested in the new fund which will have at its disposal a total of $20 million for investments in Israeli-linked hi-tech companies.

Star Investments will be managed by Dr. Meir Barel and his partners in Star Venture Management GmbH (SVM) of Germany. SVM is linked to the largest private venture capital fund in Germany, TVM, and manages two other funds in Europe and the United States which invest in Israeli corporations and in American and European companies associated with Israel.

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Arab Entrepreneur Program

TEL AVIV — In line with the historic movement toward Israeli-Palestinian co-operation, Bank Hapoalim recently inaugurated a program for the first time in East Jerusalem called Entrepreneurship in the Arab Sector.

This 100-hour course is specifically designed to assist Palestinians who wish to open small businesses and improve their business-managerial skills. The bank is supporting this project in co-operation with the Martin Buber Centre for Adult Education at the Hebrew University along with the Municipality of Jerusalem, Jerusalem Foundation and the Jewish-Arab Center for Economic Development.

Bank Hapoalim and the Martin Buber Centre have worked together for many years in conducting successful business inititative courses in Tel Aviv. The timely new programing in East Jerusalem includes studies in investment and financial management, marketing, sales promotion, various phases of banking, contracts and many other business subjects. They will be taught by specialists from Bank Hapoalim and members of the Hebrew University faculty. One element of the program will discuss the development of economic ties with Arab countries.

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Jerusalem Business Conference

JERUSALEM — A high-level Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official is scheduled to participate in the second annual Jerusalem Business Conference that will take place later this month.

Ahmed Ali Suleiman Karia, 56, known as Abu Alaa, is the head of the economic division of the PLO's Al Fatah faction. He was the PLO official who headed the secret negotioations with Israel in Norway that resulted in the historic accord on self-rule signed in Washington last month.

His up-coming visit to Israel was approved by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. But, he will travel to Jerusalem in a private capacity as the guest of the economic conference, which is sponsored by the economic daily, *Globus*.

Despite the private nature of the visit, Abu Alaa is likely to meet with Israeli policymakers to discuss pressing issues such as the status of Palestinian laborers during the autonomy period, economic aid to Palestianian refugees, taxation for Arab residents of the territories, joint Israeli-Palestinian ventures and the joint use of water resources.

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Cost-Of-Living Up

TEL AVIV — Israel's cost-of-living index rose by one percent in August which leads economists to predict that the annual inflation rate will hit 11 percent this year.

The one percent increase followed three months of significantly lower cost-of-living increases. The rates for May, June and July were 0.3, 0.2 and 0.1 percent respectively.

Although the latest increase had been anticiapated by economists, it came as disappointing news to those who had hoped to keep the annual inflation rate at single digits this year.

According to the statistics bureau, the monthly cost of goods and services for the average urban Israeli family now stands at $1,746. Excluding housing costs, the average monthly total comes to $1,316.

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KFC Opens In Israel

JERUSALEM — Before junk-food addicts were able to recover from overdosing on Big Macs at McDonald's debut, the Kentucky Fried Chicken chain announced they will be entering the fast-food fray at the end of the month.

The Clal Trade company, which received the local license for the chicken franchise, has officially announced the opening of the first local branch under their management at a 150-square-metre site in Rishon Lezion's Canion Zahav on Oct. 24.

Kentucky Fried Chicken opened locally in the '70s, but failed to catch on at that time.

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Big Mac Attack

TEL AVIV — "Big Mac" arrived in Israel recently when the first of what is planned to be a major chain of McDonald's fast-food outlets opened its doors under the famous golden arches.

The restaurant opened with great fanfare when William Brown, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, and Ramat Gan Mayor Zvi Bar met with Amri Padan, McDonald's Israeli concessionaire, to relish the first burger served at the new restaurant, in the Canion Ayalon Shopping Mall in Ramat Gan.

The $2 million restaurant, which seats 450, is the first of five Padan plans to open. The restaurant does not have a kosher certification, as it serves cheeseburgers and is open on the Sabbath. All the meat served, however, is kosher, as research has shown that Israelis prefer kosher meat, Padan said.

Other branches will not serve cheeseburgers and will have kashrut certificates, Padan said.

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Burger Battles

JERUSALEM — Burger Ranch went on the offensive in the burger war against its new rival, McDonald's, with a campaign touting its food as more affordable and their menu as more complete.

"We are not going to enter into competition or comparisons with anyone, because there is only one McDonald's," responded McDonald's spokeswoman Irena Shalmor.

She reported that tens of thousands of customers crowded the McDonald's outlet in Ramat Gan's Canion Ayalon on its first official day of business.

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Firms urged to hit new markets

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — Canadian retailers should start exploring business opportunities in other countries before foreign companies dominate the major retail categories. This was the message conveyed by Irving Teitelbaum in his keynote address at the International Convention of Shopping Centres last week at Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle.

Citing examples of retailers who have captured the lion's share of foreign retail markets, Teitelbaum encouraged Canadian retailers to reach out to other parts of the world.

While global retailing may be an intimidating undertaking for many, for Teitelbaum, chair and chief executive officer of Montreal-based Suzy Shier Ltd., it is a natural progression for the 1990s. His company has discussed opening several of its La Senza stores in foreign markets by the spring of 1995.

Despite the poor track record of some Canadian retailers who have tried to enter foreign markets, Teitelbaum believes the time is right for the lingerie chain to move into markets with similar needs and tastes. He spoke of the love for things North American abroad.

"They love blue jeans, lingerie, Coke, toys and perfume. Let's give them what they want," he implored.

One company which has recognized this is Toys R Us, with international sales of $1.5 billion outstripping growth in the U.S. Movie rental chain Blockbuster Video has more than one third of their stores in international markets.

Teitelbaum rattled off his shopping list of 10 key characteristics required for successful global retailing.

The list included intuition, courage, devotion, speed of execution, simplicity, self-confidence, customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction, cash flow and capital. "Never forget capital," he insisted.

To a crowd of recession-weary retailers and developers, Teitelbaum shared some statistics showing his own company's success and plans for expansion. In 1991, its first full year of operation, La Senza stores showed sales of $449 per square foot. Last year that figure jumped 27.4 percent to $572 per square foot, about twice the industry average for women's apparel, he said.

"We have always stood either first, second or third in sales per square foot in the total ladies wear category," Teitelbaum said.

By the end of 1993, the company will have 71 stores in every province except P.E.I. The chain has grown from 33 stores last year to 56 this year, with another 15 under construction and plans for 40 more. Before venturing into foreign markets, Teitelbaum wants to expand the chain in Canada to 175 stores.

He attributes La Senza's success to many things — leading edge information systems, strict attention to styling and the right price point. But most of all, it's because "we stuck with the notion that the store must become the brand," he said.

Parent company Suzy Shier Limited — operating 235 Suzy Shier and L.A. Express junior women's stores across Canada — was founded in the late 1920s in the Eastern Townships of Quebec by Teitelbaum's grandfather. Now a Canadian public company, it is being run by the family's third and fourth generations.

Lower rents attract tenants

TORONTO — The number of rental units in condominiums dropped slightly over a one-year period, according to a study by the Toronto branch of the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

A survey conducted over June and July of this year found 45,554 or 26.9 percent of condominium units were rentals — either occupied by tenants or vacant and available for rent. The previous year that rate was 29 percent, representing 47,532 condominium units.

The 1993 survey found 1.4 percent of the units were vacant, down from the 3.4 percent recorded a year earlier.

"The combination of a lower vacancy rate and the reduction in the number of rental condominiums signals a change in strategies on the part of investors," said Willard Dunning, senior market analyst at CMHC Toronto.

He said investors are attracting tenants through lower rents and aggressive marketing, or selling the units to owner-occupiers.

"An active resale market is giving them an opportunity to sell," Dunning said.

Correction

In the Oct. 14 Party Supplement, several errors were made;

- The phone number for consultant Jennifer Sharpe is 944-2811;
- The picture that ran with the story on The Floral Studio should have been accompanied with a photo credit for Howard Levitt Photography (636-8999);
- The spelling of Harvey Seigel's All-Star Jazz Band (782-9202) was printed incorrectly;
- I.D.J. Services Inc (661-7225) was spelled incorrectly;
- Happy Days (789-4438), owned by Richard Winkler is also known for its beautiful centrepieces and kosher party rental machines.

The CJN regrets the errors.

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In the Party Edition, which ran as a supplement in *The Canadian Jewish News*, Oct. 14 issue, the photography credit for the cover and centrespread pictures of the wedding that took place in Spain was incorrectly omitted. The photographs were generously supplied by Hudson Taylor Photography (921-8004). It should also be noted that the bride's dress was designed by Sher-Lee The House of Originals (652-6703). *The CJN* regrets the omission.

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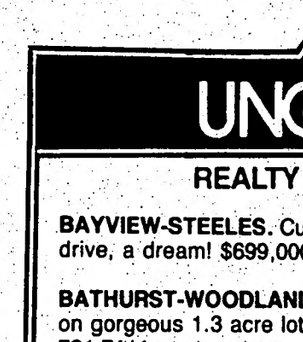

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Fogel, Muriel on October 13, 1993, late of 11 Barclay Rd.
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Gordon (Sandler), Lillian on October 14, 1993
Levenspil, Ephraim, Harry on October 13, 1993, late of 98 Seinecliffe Rd.
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